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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true;
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee;
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true;
Here's all our love to you.

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From The President's Desk

DR. EDDIE M. SMITH

It is my pleasure to present to you *The Warrior*. This magazine represents another first for East Central Community College. You are now reading Volume I, Number I of a new publication planned with the primary purpose of informing the East Central alumni and friends about people, programs, and progress associated with the college.

This year East Central is entering its 61st year of service to the patrons of its five supporting counties. This magazine will, through features, news articles, and profiles of individuals, make a real and continuing effort to keep those with an "East Central Connection" reminded of our past and informed about present and future happenings at the college.

Everyone is encouraged by the progress being made in strengthening the Alumni Association. The increased attendance of former students at campus functions is testimony both to the leadership being offered by the Alumni Association officers and to the growing strength of the Alumni Association. The alumni have been very supportive of recent campaigns to renovate certain buildings on the campus, such as Huff Auditorium, and to strengthen the athletic programs and academic scholarships.

Plans are already underway for future issues of *The Warrior*. I am excited about the possibilities offered by this publication. It promises to be a major link betwen the college and the thousands of alumni and friends who, when they have the opportunity, always "Come Home to E.C."

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Smith begins fifth year as ECCC president

East Central Community College is capably led by Dr. Eddie M. Smith who has begun his fifth year as college president.

Serving as Dean of Instruction is Dr. Brad Tucker, who is regarded as the "Dean of Deans" in the Mississippi Community/Junior College Association.

Dr. Tucker has been on the East Central staff since 1951, serving 10 years as teacher and the last 29 as Dean of Instruction.

Division Chairpersons include Mr. Ovid Vickers, Humanities and Fine Arts; Dr. Shelby Harris, Science and Mathematics; Dr. Richard Ethridge, Social Science, Business and Education; and Mr. O. L. Newell, Vocational and Technical.

Other administration, faculty, and staff members include the following.

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Serving as the college's division chairpersons are, from left, Mr. O.L. Newell, Vocational-Technical; Dr. Shelby Harris, Science and Mathematics; Mr. Ovid Vickers, Humanities and Fine Arts; and Dr. Richard Ethridge, Social Science, Business and Education

DR. BRAD TUCKER

Regarded as the "Dean of Deans" in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, Dr. Tucker has served East Central as Dean of Instruction for 29 years. He first joined the college staff in 1951 and served 10 years as an instructor before being named to his present position.

Bell, Smith selected ECCC "Alumni of the Year"

Dr. Walterine Bell, staff psychiatrist at Mississippi State Hospital in Whitfield, and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Community College in Decatur, have been selected East Central's Alumni of the Year and will be honored during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 14.

Also recognized during the noon luncheon will be the college's outstanding academic and vocational-technical instructors and inductees into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Those honorees include Joe Clark, Outstanding Academic Instructor; Larry Blackburn, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor; and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Arno Vincent, Lamar Blount and Earl Marshall.

The annual awards recipients are selected by the college's Alumni Association Election Committee. Serving as Association president is Mrs. Gloria McRae of Carthage.

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DR. WALTERINE BELL

Chosen "Alumna of the Year," Dr. Bell, a Union native and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herrington, said receiving the award is "a great honor" and one she feels she does not deserve.

"However, by receiving the award I have the opportunity to express my gratitude to East Central for providing me with excellent instruction and being so supportive as I pursued a career in medicine," said Dr. Bell, who was Valedictorian of her 1952 graduating class.

Dr. Bell, who is the former Walterine Herrington, said following her

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graduation from Union High she wanted to attend East Central and "never considered first attending any other college." She noted that half of her high school graduating class planned to attend EC and she knew enrolling in the school "would be a decided advantage."

During her two years at East Central, Dr. Bell said she served as class officer and editor of the campus newspaper, *The Tom-Tom*, which proved to be a "valuable experience."

"I am very pleased with the instruction I received from faculty members who were very knowledgeable in their respective fields. But even more than that - without exception - each person, including (then) president Dr. L. O. Todd, was so interested in every student. The administration and faculty personally knew each student and were always available and willing to assist in any way possible. I always felt comfortable going to any of my instructors if I had a problem."

Dr. Bell said she found courses at East Central to be "academically challenging...especially (the late) Mr. Frank Cross' organic chemistry class and Miss Una Harris' freshman English class," which were "really tough."

In fact, she said it was probably Mr. Cross' organic chemistry class that kept her from receiving a perfect 4.0 average, which she would later earn at Mississippi College!

When asked about social opportunities, Dr. Bell laughed and said restrictions were somewhat tighter during the early 1950's in comparison to today's standards.

"The only time we could date was on Monday nights when we could go - as a group - to a movie in Decatur. And we had to walk. No one could go in a car."

"And, of course, we could not stay out too late. I do not remember our curfew but it was probably about 9 or 10 o'clock. We also had study periods, then it was lights out. But it really did not bother me because that was just the way it was and we did not know otherwise."

At Mississippi College, she continued her pre-medical studies and graduated in 1954.

Then it was on to the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, where she pursued a life-long dream. Dr. Bell said she had wanted to be a doctor ever since the third grade. "I remember telling people I wanted to be a doctor and everyone would say, 'No you can become a nurse but not a doctor!'" Dr. Bell said she is proud that attitudes have changed concerning women in medicine.

Dr. Bell said her class was the second group to graduate from the University School of Medicine. She said there was only one female in the first group and one other woman in her class.

Because so few women enrolled in med school, Dr. Bell said there was a delay in her receiving financial support from the medical loan scholarship fund. The total amount of the loan was $5,000, which was applied to four years of medical school and included a five-year obligation to work in small towns in Mississippi or in some state facil'ty.

'I really did not think I would have a problem receiving the loan since my grades were excellent at MC and I had some real good recommendations."

But there was a delay because she said some of the board members thought she would not practice medicine and would get married instead. Finally she had to write a letter stating her intentions to practice medicine, and about a week prior to the session's beginning, she was granted the scholarship.

Dr. Bell recalled she was so afraid of not making it because of her gender that she studied "very hard." Her studies obviously paid off as she received the Leathers Medal for finishing first in her class!

Why did she choose psychiatry as her medical specialty?

"It is a fascinating field of study and one that provides a lot of challenging but rewarding work. The study of psychiatry is part of the training provided at med school, and I visited Whitfield while in school and I saw the need for more psychiatrists. So that's really how I became interested in becoming a psychiatrist."

Dr. Bell said it is almost "miraculous" how patients come in so psychotic, then improve in such a short period. She said most patients who come to the state hospital do get well and return home. She added problems do develop when patients quit taking their medication and have to return for additional treatment.

Dr. Bell, who works in the female receiving area, said most of her patients have major psychotic illnesses or serious depression-related problems. She said a separate facility is used to treat women with alcohol and drug problems.

Dr. Bell, who has served as staff psychiatrist since 1967, said her average in-patient load is about 30 per day. She said the total number of patients served at the state hospital is about 1 000.

Dr. Bell said she is sometimes "tired and frustrated" but "never bored" during her work and credits her health and family in allowing her almost 30-year career to continue. She has served on the Whitfield staff since 1962.

She also serves as Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the University School of Medicine.

"I have been blessed with good health and a wonderful husband, who likes my cooking and never complains about my housekeeping."

Her husband, Dr. Charles Bell is a former classmate and also serves as staff psychiatrist at Whitfield.

She said her children have also encouraged her in her profession.

"I have also been blessed with healthy, well-motivated children, who have never given me any behavior problems at all."

Their children include Dr. Charlene Broome, a 1 89 graduate of the University School of Medicine, who is presently in pediatric residence at Le Bonheur Hospital in Memphis.

Dr. Broome was Valedictorian at Brandon and Mississippi College, where she had a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She received a President's Scholarship to attend MC.

She is married to Dr. David Broome, who is serving an internship at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

The Bells' son, Wally, is a senior pre-med major at MC, where he also has a 4.0 grade point average. At Brandon, Wally was named a National Merit Scholar.

Dr. Bell said she is "mighty proud" of her family, but said when she decided to study medicine and have a family, she was determined not to let her work interfere with family responsibilities or vice versa.

"I would have quit work if I could not have balanced my career and family. I know I have been fortunate to have them both."

DR. EDDIE M. SMITH

Selected "Alumnus of the Year" is Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who has begun his fifth year as president of East Central Community College.

Under his leadership, enrollment has almost doubled and many campus improvements have been made during his brief yet effective tenure.

"I am very honored to have been chosen 'Alumnus of the Year' and I would certainly like to thank the Alumni Association for recognizing me in this manner," said Dr. Smith, 46, who graduated from East Central in 1963.

Dr. Smith is regarded as an outstanding community college leader throughout the South and was recently awarded a Leadership Medallion from the University of Texas at Austin in recognition of his national achievements in the field of community college administration.

The Hernando native and Noxapater High School graduate "has devoted the time and energies necessary to establish himself locally, statewide, regionally and nationally as an educational leader of prominence," said college Dean of Instruction Dr. Brad Tucker, in nominating Dr. Smith for the award.

"Dr. Smith has done more in recent years, and especially this year, to bring honor and credit to East Central than any other person," said Dr. Tucker.

"Not only has Dr. Smith received national recognition this year for his progressive community college leadership, but he is also completing his fifth year on the Commission of Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, where he serves as Chairman of the all-important, Criteria and Reports Committee."

"Among other responsibilities, Dr. Smith is also involved with church and civic activities. He serves as *Vice Chairman of Mississippi's Baptist Education Commission* and President of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

"It has been my privilege to know all of the college's presidents" Dr. Tucker said, "and to work with the last five. All had good qualities and made significant accomplishments. However, none in my judgement has achieved more in a short period of time than Dr. Smith. Beginning with his freshman year at East Central in 1961, I have known and worked with him as student-dean, as colleagues in the Dean's Association, and as President-Dean for a total of over 20 years. He has always been well organized, effective and dedicated."

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Board of Trustees Chairman, Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville also nominated Dr. Smith for the alumnus award and cited many of the college president's accomplishments, which included the following:

* Substantial growth in student enrollment, which reached an all-time high of 1202 for the 1989-90 term;

* Completion of a $1.5 million dormitory renovation project;

* Improved faculty qualifications to fully meet requirements of the Commission on colleges' *Criteria:*

* Reorganization of college administration;

* Increases in adult and evening class enrollment and the employment of a full-time Director of Adult and Continuing Education;

* Development of a five-year *Strategic Plan* for the college, which is updated annually;

* Development of a Policies and Procedures Manual for the college, which is updated annually and revised every five years;

* Revision of all course prospectuses at the college on a new format with measurable outcomes for effectiveness measurement;

* Reorganization and revitlization of the Alumni Association with a new Constitution and increased membership

* Increases in private donations to fund scholarships for students and for improvements and refurbishment of Huff Auditorium;

* Development of the largest marching band in college history, with new equipment and all new uniforms purchased for the 1989 fall term;

*Reestablishment of baseball as an intercollegiate sport, with a full-time coach and new facilities;

* Organization of the "Warrior Club" for financial support of the college's athletic programs; and

* Addition of new instructional programs and the upgrading of other related programs.

Before being named East Central president in 1985, Dr. Smith was previously employed at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

He served as District Dean of Instruction for five years and was Dean of the Natchez campus from 1975-80. He also served as Natchez Campus Director from 1972-75.

Dr. Smith began his career in education by serving as a research assistant during 1964-65 for the Boll Weevil Research Laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture, located at Mississippi State University.

From 1965-70, he was employed by the Natchez-Adams Public School District, where he was classroom instructor, Secondary Science Supervisor and Assistant Principal of South Natchez-Adams High School.

For three years he served at the Natchez Campus of the University of Southern Mississippi and held the positions as Acting Center Director, classroom instructor and Director of Academic Affairs before joining the Co-Lin staff.

Besides honors previously mentioned, Dr. Smith is a member of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities Board of Directors, National Steering Committee for Phi Theta Kappa National Headquarters, State Auditor's Task Force, Phi Theta Kappa (past president), Sigma Tau Sigma and Phi Delta Kappa honor societies; Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, where he serves as secretary-treasurer; Mississippi Community/Junior College Economic Development Foundation, where he serves as secretary; Newton County Community Concert Board of Directors, where he is a past president; and Newton County Community Development Association Board.

He has served as a member of the finance, music and nominating committees at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur, where he also serves as church organist. He is also a member of the Decatur Lions Club and has served that club as vice president and member of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Smith has twice been nominated "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" by the Natchez Jaycees and received the club's Outstanding Young Educators award in 1968.

In 1969, he was named Outstanding Biology Teacher of Mississippi by the group's National Association.

He was named Outstanding Young Man of America in 1970 and was selected Outstanding Educator in American Colleges and Universities in 1974.

Dr. Smith serves as Presidential Ambassador of Phi Theta Kappa, national honor society for community/junior college students, for the Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee Region.

He is a graduate of Mississippi State University, where he received bachelors and masters degrees in Science Education. He received a doctorate degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He attended Jackson Public Schools before moving to Noxapater where he received his high school diploma.

Dr. Smith and wife, Charlotte, have two daughters: Kelli, 25, a student at University Medical School and Wendy, 21, a senior at Mississippi College.

Clark, Blackburn named outstanding instructors

Math teacher Joe Clark and Carpentry and Cabinetmaking instructor Larry Blackburn have been named "Instructors of the Year" at East Central Community College and will be recognized for their achievements during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 14.

Also recognized during the noon luncheon will be the college's "Alumni of the Year" and inductees into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Honorees include Dr. Walterine Bell, Staff psychiatrist at Mississippi State Hospital in Whitfield, "Alumna of the Year," Dr. Eddie M. Smith, East Central college president, "Alumnus of the Year;" and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Arno Vincent, Lamar Blount and Earl Marshall.

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MR. JOE CLARK

No one on campus probably serves or has served in more positions than Joe Clark, who was hired as math instructor-men's basketball coach at East Central in 1963.

For his contributions, Clark has been selected Outstanding Academic Instructor. Although he retired as men's basketball coach in 1976, Clark still serves as math instructor, dormitory supervisor, tennis and golf coach.

Before coming to East Central, he coached women's and men's basketball at Zama High School from 1957 to 1960 and at Edinburg High School from 1960-63.

Clark has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Decatur Development Association for several years and has served as Deacon and Deacon's Chairman at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

He has been a member of the East Central Faculty Club for 26 years, serving twice as president.

He is also a member of the Mississippi Junior College Classroom Teachers Association and the Mississippi Association of Coaches.

For over 25 years Clark has taught Sunday School classes composed of fifth and sixth graders.

He is a graduate of the old Linwood High School, where he was Salutatorian; East Central Junior College, Livingston University where he received a bachelors degree; and Mississippi College, where he obtained his masters degree.

Clark was recognized as outstanding basketball player and was a starter throughout his college career. While a student at East Central, he was recipient of the Citizenship Award.

He is married to the former

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Three selected to ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame

Three former standout athletes at East Central Community college in Decatur have been selected for induction into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame and will be honored during Homecoming activities planned Saturday, October 14.

Honorees include former college president, Arno Vincent of Meridian, Lamar Blount of Decatur, and Philadelphia native Earl Marshall of Clinton.

The East Central Alumni Association will also honor its alumni of the year and outstanding academic and vocational-technical instructors during the noon luncheon scheduled in Mabry Cafeteria.

Those chosen include Dr. Walterine Bell, staff psychiatrist at Mississippi State Hospital, "Alumna of the Year;" Dr. Eddie M. Smith, East Central president, "Alumnus of the Year;" Joe Clark, math teacher, "Outstanding Academic Instructor;" and Larry Blackburn, carpentery teacher, "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor."

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ARNO VINCENT

When he came to East Central Junior College on a basketball scholarship in 1935, little did he realize his athletic talents would also be needed on the football field.

After all, he had never even witnessed a football game prior to his arrival at East Central. But Warrior football coach Pat Wilson convinced the Collinsville native to compete in football as well as basketball and the gifted athlete responded successfully and became an All-State performer in both sports playing the guard position.

And now Arno Vincent, who has served the college as president, dean of students, registrar, football and basketball coach, will join other former standout players Lamar Blount of Decatur and Philadelphia native Earl Marshall of Clinton for induction into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Although it was his talents on the basketball court at then Martin High School in Lauderdale County that brought him to East Central, Vincent said he enjoyed playing football but admitted it took a while for him to learn the rules of the game.

"I really didn't see a single football game before coming to East Central so naturally all the rules were not familiar to me.

"Anyhow, I remember blocking a punt on the first game of the season and the ball rolled almost to the opponents' goal line. The coaches had told me to always fall on the ball when it was fumbled so that's what I did. I didn't realize at the time that I could have picked up the ball and scored a touchdown!"

Football was a very rough sport in the 1930's, Vincent said, and recalled that he had his nose broken "at least twice" because helmets were not equipped with face masks to prevent such injuries.

Vincent did not remember the exact win-loss records during his football-basketball career but said the squads had good teams composed of many outstanding players. He said the women had a great basketball program and won their first state title in 1936.

He especially remembered basketball seasons and said the Warriors won about all the games played in their "friendly confines" but were not quite as fortunate on the road.

"I remember throughout one season my assignment was always to guard the opposing team's most outstanding player. I especially recall how difficult it was to guard John Ricks of Delta who was one of the best players in the state at the time."

Following his playing career at East Central, Vincent was selected the school's Most Outstanding Male Athlete.

He later attended Mississippi Southern College on a football scholarship but he also played basketball.

Vincent, chosen team captain for each sport, was also chosen the senior college's Most Outstanding Male Athlete.

His achievements at Southern would later earn him induction into the college's Sports Hall of Fame. Vincent is also a member of the school's Alumni Hall of Fame.

Following college, Vincent began his teaching and coaching career at Picayune in 1939 and a year later he served in the same capacity at Pass Christian.

With the outbreak of World War II, Vincent had to put his teaching and coaching career on hold.

He joined the Navy in 1941 and received his commission at Northwestern University in Chicago. Vincent served from 1942-46 with the Pacific Fleet as a navigator, communications officer and commanding officer of ships involved in anti-submarine warfare.

Vincent said he saw action in the Alleutian Islands, Guam, Iwo Jima and other battles. He said when Japan surrendered, his ship was docked in Tokyo Bay.

When he returned from service, Vincent entered the graduate program at the University of Mississippi.

But a year later, in 1947, Vincent returned to East Central where he served 16 years as assistant football coach, basketball coach, math teacher, registrar, dean of students and president, a post he held from 1953 to 1962.

As men's basketball coach, he led the Warriors to their only state championship. The same squad placed fourth in the national tournament held in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Vincent has continued his support of East Central by regularly attending campus activities and events and he currently serves as chairman of the Pat Wilson Scholarship Committee.

He is married to former classmate Ruth Carr of Louisville and they have two daughters: Pamela Miller of Monroe, Louisiana and Daphne Jenkins of Meridian. The Vincents have five grandchildren.

LAMAR BLOUNT

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Outstanding Instructors

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Carolyn Johnson, who is a teacher at Decatur High School.

The Clarks have three sons: Stan, 29, a Ph.D. student at the University of Kentucky; Chris, 26, manager of a finance company; and Kevin, 16, a high school student.

MR. LARRY BLACKBURN

Since 1976, Larry Blackburn, this year's Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor at East Central, has served as Carpentry and Cabinetmaking instructor.

Along with his classroom duties, Blackburn also serves as faculty advisor for the college's VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) chapter. He is a member of several campus committees and is an active participant in intramural sports activities.

Before joining the East Central staff, Blackburn worked in the carpentry field and later served as Related Studies instructor.

He is a member of the Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators, local, state and national VICA organizations; and East Central Faculty Club.

Blackburn is a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He has completed additional course work and attended workshops at USM and Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Jo Munn of Decatur and they have two daughters, Tracy, 16, and Kim, 12.

Hall of Fame

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As a member of East Central Junior College's only undefeated and state championship football team, Lamar "Pappy" Blount, a Decatur native, said it wasn't his running, passing or tackling that led the 1938 squad to a perfect 10-0 record.

A fullback, quarterback, offensive and defensive end, Blount, who claimed he wasn't a great runner despite scoring 100 points that championship year, said his greatest asset was his desire to win.

Blount's winning attitude was obviously felt by his teammates as the Philadelphia native recalled that of the 73 games in which he played at Philadelphia High School, East Central, Mississippi State University, and Duke University, those teams won 65 contests!

"When that whistle blew and the game got started all I cared about was winning that ball game," he said.

Prior to his junior college career, Blount was a highly recruited athlete at Philadelphia where he was three-year letterman on the football team and three-year letter-winner in basketball, baseball and track. He was selected and All-State end and was voted Best Boy Athlete and Most Versatile Boy.

But it was his playing days at East Central that really grabbed the spotlight.

During Blount's two seasons at EC, the Warriors went 7-0-2 in 1938 and had a 10-0 overall mark in 1939. The 1939 team not only won state honors by posting a 9-0 record, but the Warriors also defeated Northeast Center of Louisiana State University, commonly called "Little LSU," by a 19-6 margin to claim the Mississippi and Louisiana junior college championship.

Members of that 1939 team will also receive special recognition during Homecoming activities as the Alumni Association honors the school's only state football championship squad on its 50th anniversary.

East Central was led those two years by head coach Walter "Polie" Sullivan and assistant Frank Cross, who are both deceased.

Blount vividly recalls the very first game of that 1938 season. It stands out because on the very first play of that season opener he broke a wrist.

"After the play I came to the sidelines and Coach Sullivan asked me 'what's wrong' and I showed him the wrist. He just wiggled it a little bit and said, 'Well...it still works...you'll be okay.' It still worked all right and the pain was killing me. But I just set it myself and kept on playing. I never did see a doctor."

Did he ever think about quitting football after sustaining such a painful injury?

"No, you just didn't quit in those days. We were still in the after-effects of the Great Depression, and like most boys, for me to go to college I had to play football. My father died when I was six, and I didn't have anyone to pick up the tab."

Blount stated he played a lot of football "because I loved it" and remarked he also played the sport when "I didn't like it much at all."

But he said he loved playing football at East Central, not just because he was "a big fish in a little pond" but because the team had a lot of great players and to go undefeated made the two-year stint "even sweeter."

Among the outstanding players were All-State running backs Joe Vetrano of New Jersey, Bert Wheeler of West Virginia and Frank Martin of Alabama. Blount said he named his son Joe after Vetrano.

Blount, who scored 86 points during his freshman year, said the 1938 team should have won the state title but 0-0 ties with powerhouses Copiah-Lincoln and Delta kept the Warriors from winning the championship.

But during the '39 campaign, Blount and the Warriors were unstoppable. That championship year also marked the first time an East Central team had defeated a Copiah-Lincoln football squad.

However, Blount recalled that the Warriors did not win every game by large margins.

"It was next to the last game and we were playing Southwest at Summit. Well, with about two minutes left, the score was deadlocked 6-6. We were finally able to win the game 12-6, but I'll admit that game made for an awful ride home."

Blount scored 100 points that season and was recruited heavily by Mississippi State, Ole Miss, LSU, Alabama and then Mississippi Southern.

He chose State, where he continued to receive honors.

During his freshman season, Blount was chosen team captain and played quarterback and tailback. He was also voted freshman class president.

As a sophomore in 1941, he was a member of State's only Southeastern conference championship team.

Blount also attended Duke University in 1943 under the V12 Program of the Armed Services. He scored 46 points from his halfback position and was chosen All Southern Conference.

He played professional football with the Buffalo Bills and Baltimore Colts and was a standout fullback and end. In 1947 he was a member of the Buffalo Bills team which won the Eastern Division Championship.

Blount is married to the former Naomi Foster of Philadelphia. They are parents of four children: Lynn Blount Mayo, Joe Blount, Jackie Blount Wilcox and Kenneth Blount, who is deceased. Lynn was inducted into the East Central Hall of Fame, and the two sons were outstanding football players at Ole Miss and were selected Academic All Americans.

Blount has been a life-long support of East Central and has served 10 years on the college's Board of Trustees. He has recently been appointed to another term.

EARL MARSHALL

Philadelphia native, Earl Marshall was a two-year starter and an All-State selection on the East Central Junior College football team during the 1954-55 season.

And he is so appreciative of the opportunity to have played football and to have received an education at East Central, he recently returned to his alma mater and organized an athletic fund-raising organization in hopes of attracting additional student-athletes to the Decatur campus.

Marshall, who now lives in Clinton, who was basically a "60-minute man," played offensive and defensive end and was a special teams members.

He recalled that junior college football was "real tough," especially when service veterans from the Korean Conflict came to college and joined athletic teams.

"A lot of those service guys were much older and more physical than we were and at times it got real rough out there."

Marshall said he remembers the games being "loosely controlled" by the officials who seemed "to let a lot of late hits and other infractions go unnoticed."

"Some of the athletes played kind of dirty, and although I didn't consider myself a dirty player, I did have to use my flipper (elbow) a good bit just to keep from getting whipped to much."

Marshall said he recalled missing only two quarters of play during his junior college career.

The first time he missed action was when he got "thrown out" of a game at Marion, Alabama, and the second time came as result of an ankle injury during the final stanza of a contest with Jones, which was also his last game as a freshman. He played every quarter as a sophomore.

He said he was ejected from the Marion contest because he was "too verbal" after being clipped and then held on a play in which the opponents scored. (He said he really didn't mind being thrown out since East Central won the game by a margin of over 40 points!)

But for the most part, Marshall played every minute of every game and recalled that in more than half the contests he never left the field.

During his freshman year, Marshall said the team went something like 3-7, but the following season the Warriors posted a 6-4 mark.

Marshall said the team should have done better than the 6-4 record and noted the squad was 6-2 with two games remaining. He said they lost 6-0 at Pearl River and fell something like 32-20 to Jones, which eventually won the state title.

Statistics are not available but Marshall remembers catching a lot of passes, quickly adding he did not possess "blazing speed." He does recall nabbing a scoring pass against Northwest but said he was probably a better defensive than offensive end.

He said his most memorable game was played at Hinds during his freshman 1954 season.

With about four minutes remaining, Marshall said Hinds led 14-6 but a pass interception and fumble recovery led to two quick scores and a 28-6 Hinds victory.

The reason the game was so memorable was that Hinds went undefeated and won the Little Rose Bowl played in Pasadena, California.

Marshall said five players from that Hinds squad were starters for LSU the next fall.

But one Hinds player really stands out to Marshall, he said, a player by the name of Earl Leggett:

"Earl weighed about 280 pounds and was the most intimidating player I ever faced. He weighed 100 pounds more than I did, and it was my job to block him on certain plays. He was a monster of a man and a great athlete who later played for LSU, the Chicago Bears and New Orleans Saints."

Marshall also remembers the following year's game with Hinds which

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Jay Bowen selected men's basketball coach

Warrior basketball coach Jay Bowen is the newest member of the East Central coaching staff, having been named to his current position last spring. Along with his coaching duties, Bowen also serves as student recruiter. He succeeds Larry Gressett.

Bowen, 28, served one year as a graduate assistant at the University of Mississippi before coming to East Central.

JAY BOWEN

He previously served as an assistant men's basketball coach at Armstrong State College, located in Savannah, Georgia and held the same position at Christian Brothers College in Memphis. Bowen has five years' experience as an assistant coach.

Bowen said he is "very excited" about his new position and is looking forward to the season opener scheduled Thursday, November 2 when the Warriors will be participating in the East Mississippi Community College Tournament.

"I am very thankful for having the chance to run my own basketball program. This is my first head coaching job and I plan to work hard and run a successful program."

The new Warrior head coach said he plans to install an aggressive man-to-man defensive game plan and will use a lot of motion and set plays on the offensive unit. He said he will also allow his players to utilize their athletic abilities in carrying out the team's game plan.

Bowen is a graduate of Craigmont High School, located in Memphis, Christian Brothers College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in marketing/management/secondary education; and Memphis State University, where he obtained a masters degree in curriculum and instruction. He also completed additional graduate work at the University of Mississippi.

He is married to the former Christy Perry of Memphis and they have one daughter. Kathryne Ashley.

LADY WARRIORS - 1988-89 SOUTH CHAMPS!

East Central's Lady Warriors had one of their best seasons during the 1988-89 campaign by capturing the South State Division title and finishing the year with an 18-8 record. Led by Coach Sammy Pace, the East Central women also placed third in the Region 23 Tournament and fourth in the overall State Championship. Team members include, kneeling, from left: Vonsha Wash and Pam Green, both of Sebastopol; Sadie Triplett, Louisville; Karen Huffman, East Rankin Academy; Toshia Boulton, Newton; standing, from left, Coach Pace; Deborah Blaylock and Penny Graham, both of Sebastopol; Roshetta Jones, Cottonport High School, Cottonport, LA; Donna Killen, Neshoba Central; Tuttie Edwards, Jonesboro-Hodge High School, Jonesboro, LA; Windy Smith, Beulah Hubbard; Rebecca Higgins, Newton County Academy; Stephanie Cassel, Grawood Christian School, Shreveport, LA; and Manager Diana Davidson, Sebastopol

Hall of Fame

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was led by their powerful fullback Jimmy Taylor:

"Jimmy Taylor had to have the hardest body of anyone I ever tackled. He was just like a rock, and I guess that's why he lasted so long with the Green Bay Packers."

Marshall said the Warriors got "sweet revenge" that year and defeated the defending national champs 13-6.

He also remembers the Hinds game for another reason: he almost lost about six lower teeth while blocking on an extra-point play.

Marshall said he was rushed after the game - not during - to Jackson's Baptist Hospital where a doctor told him his teeth would have to come out. But he begged the doctor to let him go to his dentist in Philadelphia who was able to save the young athlete's teeth.

He said he still remembers spitting blood all over the field, but he wanted to continue playing because the Hinds game was so important.

Not only were the ballgames tough, but Marshall said he remembers the practice sessions being just as difficult.

He said the players thought the coaches were maybe trying to compensate for their not being so good by working the athletes so hard. He said the team scrimmaged four days a week and were allowed very few breaks.

"Our coaches were dedicated and good men...but they worked the hell out of us. They definitely got their money's worth out of our team."

During his freshman year, Marshall said Billy Ray Lindsley was head coac lwith Clayton Blount serving as assistant. Blount became head coach Marshall's sophomore season and was assisted by Dudley Miller.

The former sophomore class president said he has fond memories as a student at East Central and noted "the most important event in my life" occurred during the fall, 1955 term: he met Bobbie Jones of Forest, who would later become his wife.

"I met Bobbie when I was a sophomore and she was a freshman, but we actually didn't date - we were both going with other people - until we both attended Mississippi Southern."

Did he have any idea that he and Bobbie, an East Central cheerleader, would ever get married?

"None, whatsoever," he laughed, and said the couple has been married for 31 years.

Following an outstanding career at East Central during which he was selected honorable mention All-State his freshman year and first team All-State his sophomore season, he and three others originally signed scholarships to play football at Florida State University.

But sine he wanted to stay in Mississippi and later coach, he decided to play football closer to home and signed with Mississippi Southern College.

At Southern Marshall was a member of the 1956 team, which had an 8-1-1 record, and the 1957 squad, which posted a 7-2 mark. Both years the Golden Eagles played in the Tangerine Bowl.

Following his football playing career, Marshall served in the U.S. Army from 1958-60, which included a 16-month tour of duty in Frankfurt, Germany.

He served as teacher-assistant football coach of Crystal Springs High School from 1960-63 and was athletic director-head football coach at Tylertown High School from 1963-66. He left Tylertown for Baker, Louisiana, where he led the junior high school squad to an undefeated season and Parish championship in 1968, his final year of coaching.

Governor John Bell Williams later appointed Marshall as Assistant Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, a post he held from 1968-72.

Since 1972, Marshall has served as an agent with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and has won many sales awards. He was the state's leading insurance salesman in 1978 and 1982. He was recognized for membership in Lincoln National's prestigious 1% Club in 1978, placing ninth out of 4,000 agents.

Marshall has maintained strong ties to East Central and Southern, serving in various capacities for each school.

At East Central, he is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association, and serves on its executive committee as vice president, and is credited with organizing and serving as first president of "The Warrior Club," which provides financial assistance to the college's athletic program, and he initiated the college's first alumni meeting held in the Jackson area.

He served as president of the USM Alumni Association during 1979-80 and was "M-Club" Alumni Association president for 1986-87. He was inducted as a charter member of the USM Alumni Hall of Fame in 1987.

He and wife Bobbie have three sons: Mike, 30, a Jackson stockbroker; Mickey, 28, sales manager for Jeffrey's Steele Company in Mobile; and Bob, 24, a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, who is stationed in Kitzigen, Germany.

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Undefeated and Untied Junior College Champions

(As Appeared in College Yearbook)

Being Honored At Homecoming on their 50th Anniversary

Decatur's East Central Warriors, coached by Walter "Polie" Sullivan, came through the 1939 season undefeated and untied to become the third junior college in the state to hold the conference football championship, Wesson and Goodman having swapped the crown about heretofore. The season's record of 224 points against 25 for the opposition climaxed the two years' tutelage of Sullivan, in which the Warriors have not been defeated and have been tied only twice. The players, left to right: Top row: 34, Langford, back; 53, Winstead, end; 25, White, back; 37, Gordy, back; 50, Wood, back; 30, Massey, guard; 28, Davis, back; 27, Howie, guard. Third row: 38, Mason, tackle; 32, Black, back; 33, Blount, back; 25, Buran, guard; 12, Myatt, tackle; 31, Gregg, guard. Second row: 22, Corrazzo, back; 37, Tarr, guard; 23, Vetrano, back; 30, Emerson, back; 26, Wallace, back; 21, Baggett, back; 35, Brown, guard; 20, Hawkins, center. Bottom row: Coach Sullivan (standing); 29, Parkes, end; 36, Richmond, end; 40, Stuart, tackle; 43, Olenski, tackle; 39, Loper, guard; 28, Sims, center; 27, Cornelison, guard; 41, Abromovitz, end; 34, Smith, end. Managers, in front: Left, "Happy" Hawthorne, right, "Slim" McDaniels.

"Come Home to EC"
East Central Community College
Homecoming
Schedule of Events
October 14, 1989

8:30 A.M.	Golf Tournament
9:00 A.M.	Registration of Guests - Sullivan Center
10:00 A.M.	Class Reunions and Group Meetings
	Class of 1939 - Fine Arts Center Auditorium
	Class of 1949 - Newton Hall, Room 60
	Class of 1959 - Burton Library, Conference Room
	Class of 1969 - Burton Library, Faculty Room
	Class of 1979 - Newton Hall, Room 92
	Class of 1989 - Newton Hall, Room 90
	State Championship Football Team of 1939 - Fine Arts Center Lounge
11:00 A.M.	All Former Athletes Warrior Club - Brackeen-Wood Gym
11:00 A.M.	Baptist Student Union Open House
11:30 A.M.	Luncheon for Head Table, Alumni of Year, Faculty of Year, Athletic Hall of Fame and Their Families
12:00 Noon	Alumni Luncheon - Mabry Cafeteria
	Invocation
	Welcome and Introductions
	Recognition of Homecoming Queen and Her Court
	Election of Alumni Officers
	Presentation of Faculty of the Year
	Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees
	Presentation of Alumna of the Year
	Presentation of Alumnus of the Year
	Recognition of Special Alumni
	Oldest, Traveled Furtherest Distance, Largest Reunion Group Present, Largest Alumni Family Present, Winners in Golf and Tennis Tournaments
2:30 P.M.	Football Game - Warrior Stadium - ECCC Warriors vs. Pearl River Wildcats
	Halftime Presentation of Homecoming Court
After Game	Reception - Mabry Cafeteria - Alumni, faculty, students and friends are invited to the reception

Monday - Friday evenings, October 9-13, Homecoming Tennis Tournament

East Central Trustees Honored

These members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees were recognized for having 10-plus years of service and received plaques of appreciation during the Board's August meeting. The East Central trustees, along with other community/junior college officials from throughout the state, were initially honored at the annual Mississippi Community Junior College Trustees' Association Conference held earlier in Biloxi. Those recognized and years of service include, from left, Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, 22; Lester Rigdon of Union, 14; Sam Bounds of Lawrence, 11; A.F. Hollinsgworth of Lake, 20; and Mrs. Joyce Harrison of Forest, 11.

Four dormitories recently renovated

The college has recently completed a $1.5 million dormitory renovation project with many improvements being made to Newsome, Jackson, Todd, and Winston Halls.

Funds for the project were made available through a low-interest Federal loan along with financial assistance from the five support counties (Leake, Newton, Neshoba, Scott, and Winston).

New College Personnel

Recent additions to the East Central "family" include, seated, from left L. B. Bullock, mathematics/computer science instructor; Sandra Curry, secretary to Director of Adult and Continuing Education and Director of Public Information; Dr. Jeff Smith, English instructor; standing, from left, Thomas Fortenberry, computer programmer/analyst/operator; Ann Bullock, business technology instructor; and Leonard Barrier, English instructor. Not pictured is Mark Murray who serves as video production technology instructor. The course is taught at Choctaw Central.

ECCC Reports Record Enrollment

Another record enrollment has been reported at East Central Community College as 1202 students are enrolled in fall classes, according to Raymond McMullan, director of admissions, records and research.

McMullan said the 1202 mark surpasses the previous record total set during the fall, 1988 term when 1189 students were enrolled in classes.

The school officials said the enrollment total includes the following areas:

Academic full-time day, 506; Technical full-time day, 168; Vocational day, 171; Academic part-time, 51; Technical part-time day, 17; and evening, 289.

Board of Trustees Officers

Serving as officers of the Board of Trustees are, from left, Sam Bounds of Lawrence, secretary; Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, chairman; and Jerry Moore of Carthage, vice chairman. Mr. Hudspeth has served as board chairman since July, 1983.

Ways alumni can assist in recruiting

* Plan a recruitment party
* Distribute information
* Visit with a prospect
* Phone a prospect
* Bring a prospect to East Central
* Introduce East Central personnel to a prospect
* Send us names and addresses of prospects
* Put an East Central bumper sticker on your car

Charlotte Smith serves college as First Lady

She is a kindergarten teacher, an accomplished musician, an enthusiastic traveler and the wife of the President of East Central Community College. Charlotte Flowers Smith, the wife of Dr. Eddie M. Smith, is a woman of many interests and talents, and she readily admits that being the wife of East Central's President is both challenging and rewarding.

Charlotte is a native of Natchez, and when she talks about this city by the river her eyes twinkle. One knows that she had great fun growing up in a city where people from around the world have enjoyed visiting since those days when it was the Spanish capital of the Mississippi Valley.

After graduating from high school in Natchez, Charlotte began her university education at Northeast Louisiana University but transferred to Mississippi State in her sophomore year. Since completing her degree at State, Charlotte has taught at Cathedral School and in the public schools of Natchez, in the Brookhaven City Schools, and in the Copiah and Newton County School Systems. At present, she teaches kindergarten at Boler Elemetary in Decatur.

When it comes to keeping house, Charlotte admits that she is not a great cook like her mother, but she does enjoy preparing food for special occasions and for weekend meals which the Smiths enjoy in their off-campus "weekend" home located in a beautiful wooded area of Newton County.

Charlotte enjoys traveling and walking; and since Dr. Smith is an avid collector, she takes pleasure in finding objects to add to his numerous collections which range from Log Cabin syrup cans to nativity figures from around the world.

The Smiths met in Natchez while serving as organist and pianist for Parkway Baptist Church. At that time, Charlotte was teaching, and Dr. Smith was serving as Dean of the Copiah-Lincoln Natchez campus.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith have two daughters. Kelli is a fourth year medical student at the University Medical Center, and Wendy is a senior at Mississippi College.

When asked about her role as East Central's First Lady, Charlotte was quick to reply that she loves being a part of the East Central family. "Living on a college campus is exciting because of the many events which take place each year like Homecoming, graduation, the music and drama productions and all the athletic events."

"And," she continued, "East Central will always be a special place to me because Eddie graduated here and so did our daughter Wendy." Then pausing for a moment, she added, "I am very interested in the new projects and the continuing improvements that are constantly underway on the campus."

To the East Central student body and faculty, Charlotte Smith is a gracious and capable First Lady. She always represents the college at any occasion with grace, charm and dignity. Her pleasant manner and warm personality have made her a campus favorite.

Charlotte is frequently visited by college students who seek advice or just want to chat. Shown with East Central's First Lady are, from left, Christina Edwards of Philadelphia and Charla McFarland of Collinsville.

When she is not in the classroom or busy attending college functions, Charlotte, an accomplished musician, enjoys playing the piano.

Instructors Honored

These East Central instructors are recent recipients of the National Teaching Excellence Award, as presented by the University of Texas in Austin. The annual awards are based on instructor's innovative teaching methods, student evaluations, and research reports. Honorees include, from left, Ovid Vickers (English), Bruce Guraedy (Art), Tommy Thrash (Social Sciences) and Al Bailey (Related Studies). The instructors were presented medallions in recognition of their service.

Peterson Honored

Speech-drama instructor Bruce Peterson received special recognition during last spring's ECCC Players Banquet as he was commemorated for producing his 20th musical at the college. He is shown receiving a plaque of appreciation from club president Doreen Ryals. Peterson directed the 1988-89 group in the Rodgers and Hammerstein production of "Cinderella." His first musical at East Central was "Oklahoma," which was presented in 1970.

JESSIE MAE EVERETT

An outstanding teacher retires

In September of 1956 she opened the door to a classroom in the Business Department at East Central Junior College and began a career that spanned more than thirty years. At graduation on May 12, 1989, Jessie Mae Everett put on her academic cap and gown to march for the last time as a member of the East Central Community College faculty.

Miss Jessie has retired, not because she has reached retirement age but because she has taught for a goodly number of years and there are some other things she wants to have time to enjoy such as traveling, reading, grandchildren, and her home.

Throughout most of her adult life, Jessie has been involved with East Central in one way or another, After graduating from Bond High School in Neshoba County, she entered East Central as a freshman in 1947. In 1949, with an AA Degree from East Central in hand, Jessie entered the University of Mississippi where she received a Bachelor of Science in Commerce in 1951 and a Master of Business Education in 1956.

Jessie did not enter the teaching profession without practical experience in the business world. While a student at East Central, she worked as secretary to the Vocational-Technical Division and as student secretary to Dr. L.O. Todd. At the University of Mississippi, she was Faculty Housing Secretary. In her job at Ole Miss, Jessie was in charge of housing for the entire University.

JESSIE MAE EVERETT

Business Technology instructor Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett who retired last spring after serving 33 years on the East Central staff. During a reception held in her honor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Smith, Mrs. Everett was presented a framed resolution commemorating her years of service and received several gifts, including an engraved silver serving tray.

In 1951, Jessie Mae Stewart married another East Central graduate, James B. Everett. Bobby was in service, and he and Jessie spent three years in the military before they returned to Ole Miss for Bobby to enter the School of Law. During this stay at Ole Miss, Jessie held down a job, took care of a new baby son, completed a Master's Degree, and did a great deal of typing for her husband. In fact, among the diplomas which hang on her office wall is a degree titled "Putting Hubby Through."

Jessie's connection to East Central has now passed into the second generation. Her son, Dr. T. Keith Everett, an ophthalmologist in Meridian and her daughter, Mrs. Lisa Lucovich, a pharmacist, are both graduates of East Central. Occasionally, one will find Jessie's three grandchildren, Stewart, Jessica and John, walking with their grandmother on the East Central campus.

Believing that professional people should hold membership in professional organizations and also be active members, Jessie has served as president of the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society composed of outstanding women teachers. She also served as State President of Delta Kappa Gamma from 1985 to 1987 and in 1989 received the organization's coveted "Outstanding Woman of Achievement" at the state convention.

In 1985, she was presented a lifetime membership in Delta Pi Epsilon the honorary business fraternity, and she has been a member of the Mississippi Association of Educators for 33 years.

In civic organizations, Jessie is a past district president of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, was the recipient of the Decatur Exchange Club's Golden Deeds Award in 1969, and was Club Woman of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and District President of the Year in the Mississippi Federated Women's Clubs.

At East Central, she has been president of the Faculty Association, and was voted East Central's Alumnus of the Year in 1977. She received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award for 1985-86.

When Jessie began teaching at East Central, Mr. J. Wallace Bedwell was Chairman of the Business Department, and Mrs. Charles Pennington was also a member of the Department. Both of these outstanding teachers are now deceased. Today there is a host of very capable people in the business world who received their training under Bedwell, Pennington, and Everett. Jessie points with pride to her former students all over the state who have become imminently successful in the business world.

To show its appreciation for the outstanding alumnus and dedicated member of the faculty, East Central honored Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett with a reception in the home of the President, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, on May 11.

Jessie Everett may have closed the door to her classroom, but she will continue to maintain a keen interest in the progress made at East Central, for as she often says, "This is where my heart is."

Honored for Service

Six East Central Community College personnel earned the 20-year service mark and were honored during a reception and tea held last spring on the college campus. Those who have achieved two decades of service at East Central include, from left, Mrs. Alice Pouncey, psychology instructor-fashion squad sponsor; Mrs. Carrie Ann Alford, English instructor; Willard Clay, welding instructor; Chester Clark, assistant director of vocational-technical instruction; Mrs. Ann Burkes, librarian; and Mrs. Mary Massengale, campus nurse-EMT instructor. Mrs. Pouncey, an Enterprise native who resides in Decatur, also served as home economics teacher for 17 years. Mrs. Alford, a former sponsor of The Tom-Tom, *the campus newspaper, lives in Philadelphia and is a Neshoba County native. Clay, a native of Noxapater, resides in Decatur. Besides his current position, Clark, also a Neshoba County native, has served as drafting instructor and lives in Union. Mrs. Burkes resides in her hometown of Decatur and Mrs. Massengale also lives in her hometown of Hickory. Mrs. Alford later resigned her teaching position at East Central to become Related Studies instructor at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, which is operated by the college.*

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Alumni News

ECCC graduate elected state B&PW President

East Central alumna Amy Peoples was installed as the 1989-90 president of the Mississippi Federation of Business and Professional Women at the 65th Annual Convention in Laurel, Mississippi. She was endorsed by the Lighthouse of Biloxi BPW, and had recently served as BPW/MS President-elect.

Amy has been a member of Lighthouse of Biloxi BPW since 1981, and has served in practically every office including President, and District Director. She has served as state chairman for Young Careerist and Personal Development. Amy represented Mississippi as a delegate to the 1988 National Convention, and attended Interim Board in Washington, D.C.

Amy is Fashion Director for Gayfers, Edgewater Mall, Biloxi, where she coordinates all fashion, publicity, and special events. Her duties also include directing the Seventeen Magazine Award Winning Gayfer Girl Youth B oad, Gayfers Career Club, and instructs classes like White Gloves and Party Manners.

She is a native of Carthage, and was impressed with BPW at an early age because of B PW'srole in her hometown.

Amy is a 1975 magna cum laude graduate of Mississippi University for Women in Fashion Merchandising and a 1973 graduate of East Central Junior College and a 1971 graduate of Carthage High School.

Amy recently participated in the Mississippi Economic Council's Leadership Forum for Young Mississippians, is a member of Gulfport First Baptist Church, and is active in several volunteer organizations.

In her acceptance speech, Amy challenged the members of the 1300 member organization to "be professional in order to be competitive in the 1990's, and meet the needs of today's working woman."

"People's Professionals" will be the theme of B PW/Mississippi for the 1989-90 year.

Amy is the daughter of Mrs. Ima Peoples and the late Cecil Peoples of Car tiage. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. W. E. Smith, also of Carthage.

East Central graduate receives national honor

National recognition has been awarded to 1989 East Central Community College graduate Mrs. Sondra Fairchild of Carthage who won honors at the National Phi Beta Lambda Convention held at the Marriott World Resort Center in Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. Fairchild, who received a computer technology degree at East Central in May, placed eighth nationally in the Computer Applications for Business category, the competition which she won on the state-wide level.

The ECCC graduate said approximately 35 students competed in the contest, which included a three-hour test where participants were required to write a computer program for business use.

Mrs. Fairchild, wife of Morris Fairchild, is the former Sondra Wells of Carthage. She is employed as a computer operator-programmer at Choctaw Maid Farms in Carthage.

RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR

Mrs. Sondra Fairchild, center, displays the plaque she was presented after capturing state honors in the Computer Applications for Business category at the annual Phi Beta Lambda competition held last spring. Mrs. Fairchild later competed on the national level where she placed eighth in her respective category. The Carthage resident is shown with computer technology instructors Mrs. Sara Griffin, left and Mrs. Brenda Johnson.

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Former East Central chemistry professor dies

On June 24, 1989, the Town of Decatur and the college community were saddened by the death of Frank M. Cross, a retired member of the faculty.

Mr. Cross joined the East Central faculty in the fall of 1933, having previously taught at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tennessee. He was a native of Scott County and a graduate of Forest High School.

After graduating from high school, Frank Cross entered Millsaps College where he received the BS Degree. He continued his education at Emory University in Atlanta where he received an MS Degree in Chemistry. He had also done post-graduate work at Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, and the University of Mississippi. He taught chemistry at East Central from 1933 until his retirement in 1970. For several years, he not only taught but coached football and tennis as well.

Frank Cross was married to the former Nellie Neill and is survived by his daughter Corinne McJilton of Huntington Beach, California. He is also survived by two grandchildren.

During his years at East Central, Mr. Cross always maintained high standards for his students and encouraged them to do their very best. Those students who entered his classes and were willing to put forth the effort and time necessary were rewarded by excellent instruction and dedicated teaching. Many of Mr. Cross' students went into the medical fields, into agricultural related professions and into the field of engineering.

Mr. Cross was always a scholar, and always a dedicated teacher. Like Geoffrey Chaucer's clerk, he was a man who would gladly learn and gladly teach.

FRANK CROSS

Mr. Cross, who retied in 1970 and died June 24, 1989, continued his support of the college by attending various activities and events. He especially enjoyed riding his bicycle and was a frequent visitor on campus, as shown above.

SHE'S GOT THAT EC SPIRIT!

Alumni association president Mrs. Gloria McRae of Carthage demonstrates pride in her alma mater by having 'EC' inscribed on her license plate, as shown above.

ALUMNI OFFICERS, COLLEGE OFFICIALS

Officers of the college alumni association are shown above with administrative personnel during a recent meeting. Association officials include, seated, from left, Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Gloria McRae of Carthage, president; and Earl Marshall of Clinton, vice president. Standing are, from left, Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of students; Dr. Brad Tucker, dean of instruction; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

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East Central Alumni lead state association

The Mississippi Community/Junior College Faculty Association continues to be led in fine fashion as its recent leaders are East Central graduates.

Serving as current president is Rachel Ezell of East Mississippi and Susan Donahue of Pearl River has been named president-elect.

East Central's Dr. Shelby Harris served as the association's leader prior to Ms. Ezell.

KIRKLAND PRESENTED CHECK

Recent East Central Community College graduate Tammy Kirkland, right, is shown receiving a $1000 check from math instructor Mrs. Lois McMullan designating the young scholar as recipient of the Andree Award. The award is presented annually by Mu Alpha Theta, the national high school and community/junior college mathematics club. Mrs. McMullan serves as sponsor of the East Central chapter. Kirkland, a Neshoba Central graduate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Kirkland of Philadelphia.

ECCC student wins national award

Tammy Kirkland, a 1989 graudate of East Central Community College, has been selected 1989 winner of the Andree Award, an honor presented by Mu Alpha Theta, the national high school and community/junior college mathematics club.

Kirkland was informed of her selection in a letter received from Thomas J. Hill, secretary-treasurer for the national organization.

According to Hill, the Andree Award is given to an outstanding student who is planning a career in the teaching of mathematics and whose college major reflects that interest.

Along with the award, the Neshoba Central high school graduate was given a cash award of $1,000, which was presented to her on behalf of the national organization by East Central math instructor Mrs. Lois McMullan who serves as sponsor of the college chapter.

Kirkland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Kirkland of Philadelphia, is a President's List scholar and recent inductee into the college's Hall of Fame. She is majoring in mathematics at Mississippi State University this fall.

The Andree Award is named in honor of Dr. Richard Andree and Mrs. Josephine Andree, who founded Mu Alpha Theta almost 30 years ago.

Kirkland's award was formally announced during the annual Mu Alpha Theta national convention held August 3-8 at the Hyatt Regency Westshore in Tampa, Florida.

Computer purchased with alumnus donation

A new personal computer will be added to the college's math and science department thanks to a generous donation by alumnus Stanley Buchanan, who is employed at the Electronics and Missile Group of Martin Marietta Corporation in Orlando, Florida. Buchanan's $500 gift is being matched by his employer.

"We certainly appreciate Mr. Buchanan and the Martin Marietta Corporation for their sizable contribution. The new computer will be a definite asset for our math and science department," said Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Buchanan, a Forest native, serves as Project Engineer in the Electro-Optical Systems Department and is involved in the design and test of large scale parallel array computers used for automatic target recognition and tracking.

He also serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Central Florida in Orlando during the annual training series for Engineers preparing for the Professional Engineering Examinations administered by the State of Florida.

Buchanan is a member of the Florida Engineering Society, National Society of Professional Engineers, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and The International Society for Optical Engineering.

He attended East Central in 1959 and later received a BSEE degree at Mississippi State University in 1963 and a MEE degree from the University of Florida in 1972.

He is married to the former Gwendolyn Ann Cumbie of Bradenton, Florida. They have two children, Stan, Jr. and Stacie.

'East Central Day' held at Neshoba County Fair

Many alumni and friends of the college participated in "East Central Day" activities held August 7 at the Neshoba County Fair.

The day's observance began at 1:30 p.m. when the Collegians, the school's vocal-instrumental pop group, presented their annual performance at the Founder's Square pavilion. The group is directed by Thomas W. Carson.

Following the Collegians' performance, college representatives distributed "EC" buttons and information concerning the school and a new organization, "The Warrior Club." The club, organized by Philadelphia native Earl Marshall of Clinton, serves as a fund raising organization for the college's athletic programs.

Activities concluded prior to the Miss Neshoba County Pageant.

ENTERTAINS AT FAIR

Stacie Therrell of Philadelphia, a 1987 EC graduate, was among featured entertainers at this year's Miss Neshoba County pageant held during Neshoba County Fair week. Stacie is also a former pageant winner, having won the title in 1986.

EC ALUMNAE HONORED

These East Central alumnae were among former Miss Neshoba County titleholders who were recognized during pageant activities held this summer at the Neshoba County Fair. In observance of the fair's 100th anniversary, all former pageant winners were invited to serve as special guests and were recognized during the program. Former winners and the year served include, from left: Gail Dunigan Pace (1964-67); Page Hill Madison (1958); Shirley Webb Cox (1957); Annie Burchfield (1956); Ginger Tomlin Gallbraith; Dianne Thomas Bozeman (1975); Gloria Chisolm Williamson (1961); Kerri Posey (1987); Michele Murphy (1984); Janet Mowdy (1985); Kim Burnett Hodgins (1979); Melody Smith (1980); Debbie McDaniel Webb (1976); Leisa Richardson Beausang (1977); Janet Hardy Moore (1978); Robin Killen (1982); Stacie Therrell (1986); Rita Breazeale Gianes (1981); Marlymn Ward Gaines (1962); Nancy Johnson Lambert (1963); Janelle Johnson Ozborn (1951); and Sewanna Evans Smith (1960).

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To provide additional financial assistance for the East Central athletic program, the Warrior Club has been organized with initial support provided by the above individuals. Those pictured include, seated, from left: Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Earl Marshall of Clinton, club president; former East Central coach and current faculty member Miss Lucille Wood, president-elect; ECCC coach Joe Clark, secretary-treasurer. Standing, from left: Gary Risher, Forest; A.J. Kilpatrick, ECCC athletic coordinator-head football coach; H.M. Price, Carthage (Mr. Price and his wife were killed following an automobile accident in the spring); Billy Ray Lindsley, Newton; assistant college football coaches John Russell and Tony Triplett.

Warrior Club organized to support East Central Athletic Program

Led by the efforts of East Central alumnus and Philadelphia native Earl Marshall of Clinton, the Warrior Club has been organized to provide additional financial assistance to the college's athletic program.

In just a few months, the club has raised over $4,000 and Marshall urges all former athletes, alumni and friends of East Central to join the organization and make an annual contribution.

By joining the Warrior Club, Marshall also encourages members to attend athletic events, buy season tickets and assist in raising funds from the membership in order to improve or upgrade athletic facilities and equipment at the college.

Along with Marshall, other officers include former East Central coach and current faculty member Miss Lucille Wood, president-elect; and Coach Joe Clark, secretary-treasurer. Other committee members include Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Bubby Johnston, public information director; Danny Musgrove, Philadelphia; Patsy Clark, Louisville; Homer Hunter, Decatur; Billy Ray Lindsley, Newton; Burl Johnson, Union; Gary Risher, Forest; Julie Lathem, Forkville; and Tom Burt, Pearl. H. M. Price of Carthage was also a committee member until he and his wife were killed in a tragic automobile accident this spring.

Marshall said the committee is working to identify as many East Central athletes as possible but added the task is a very difficult one.

"Obviously a lot of former East Central athletes have moved and we do not have their current addresses. I urge all former players who would like to become a member of the Warrior club to send their addresses to the college so we can add them to the computer file," Marshall said.

The club president said once addresses of former athletes have been received, information can then be sent concerning the college's athletic program, game schedules and other information.

"As a former athlete, I, like many others, have strong feelings for East Central and I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to have attended college on an athletic scholarship," Marshall said, and added, "It's time to show appreciation and loyalty to the college by supporting the Warrior Club."

"We can make a difference concerning the future of our athletic program by helping to upgrade college facilities and equipment. Our future athletes can be more competitive because of our efforts," he said.

Club membership will be renewed on an annual calendar basis, the Clinton business man said, with the following membership levels established: Papoose, $25; Young Brave, $50; Braves, $100; Super Braves, $250; Chiefs, $500; and Super Chiefs, $1,000.

Those who would like to join the

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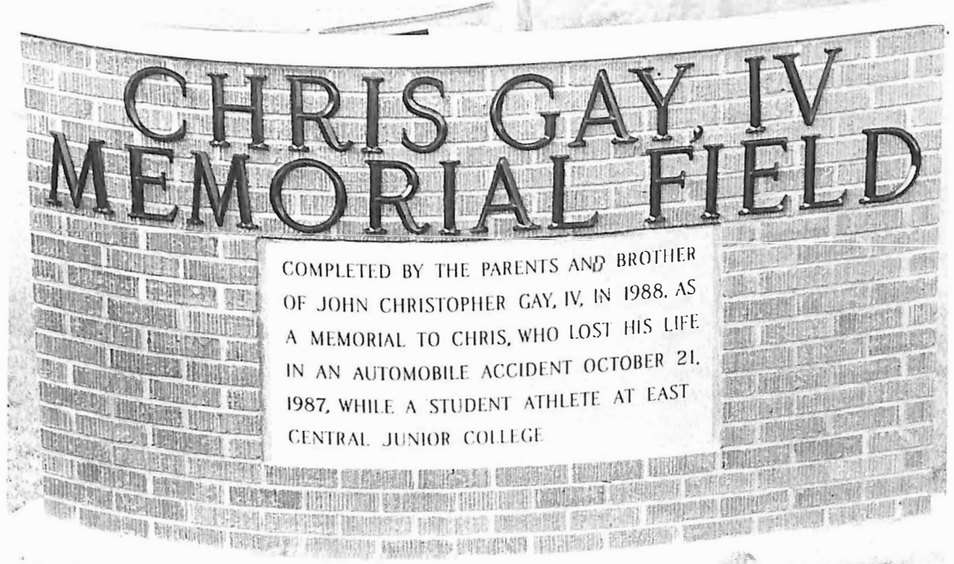
Baseball field named for former student

The Warrior baseball field officially became known as the "Chris Gay, IV Memorial Baseball Field" following dedication ceremonies held in the spring. Gay, a former student-athlete at East Central, was killed in an automobile accident in October, 1987. During the dedication program, held in the gym because of inclement weather, baseball coach Jamie Clark, above, presents a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Gay with Mr. Gay and son Lance at her side. Thanks to a generous donation from the Gay family, along with financial assistance from the college, lights and aluminum seating were installed in addition to other improvements made to the field. With the contribution, "night" baseball officially became a reality on the East Central campus. The sign designating the field in Chris' memory is shown below.



Quality Instruction

East Central is a high quality institution that prides itself on excellence. Our graduates attest to our philosophy by their success upon graduation.

When our students complete their work at East Central or enter the job market they perform as well as anyone.

Varied Program

East Central offers a varied program in the academic, technical and vocational areas. If a student knows what they want to do EC can advise them in the courses they need to take to meet their educational objective. However, students who have not decided on a goal can take the basic courses required to meet the first two years of most programs while they investigate various career options.

Warrior Club—

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Warrior Club are asked to send their complete addresses and tax deductible contributions to the East Central Community College Development Foundation, Office of the President, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327.

As of September 10, 1989, members include the following: **Gary Risher**, Forest, Brave; **Dr. H. C. McMillian**, Carthage, Young Brave; **B.S. Barnes**, Alexandria, LA., Brave; **Tom Burt**, Pearl, Brave; **Clyde Mills**, Panama City, FL., Papoose; **Wilmer J. James**, Jackson, Young Brave; **Kermit D. Carpenter**, Forest, Papoose; **Barbara Harrison**, Little Rock, Young Brave; **Joe Tadlock**, Forest, Young Brave; **John Rushing, Jr.**, Forest, Brave; **Jim Wood**, Louisville, Super Brave; **Wendell L. Marshall**, Greenville, Young Brave; **Jimmy Rea**, Philadelphia, Brave; **James L. Crosby**, San Antonio, TX, Brave; **Dr. Bert Thompson**, Clinton, Brave; **Henry B. Crocker**, Brandon, Brave; **Homer Hunter**, Decatur, Brave; **Larry Payne**, Clinton, Super Brave; **Jim Payne**, Jackson, Brave; **Michael D. Land**, Ridgeland, Young Brave; **Billy Ray Smith**, Jackson, Young Brave; **John D. Humphries**, Jackson, Young Brave; **Keith Everett**, Meridian, Brave; **S.R. Marshall**, Jackson, Young Brave; **Patsy Dunigan Clarke**, Louisville, Brave; **Wyatt Davis**, Laurel, Young Brave; **Earl Marshall**, Clinton, Chief; **Mr. and Mrs. Ide Dickens**, Carthage, Young Brave; **Larry Henderson**, Daphne, AL, Papoose; **UAD Laboratories** (matching Larry Payne's contribution), Jackson, Chief; **Mr. Billy Joe Watkins**, Union, Super Brave; **Joe Williams**, Jackson, Papoose; **Sam M. Nowell**, Philadelphia, Brave; and **Shea Halley**, University, MS, Papoose.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Decatur, Mississippi

1989 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

MONTH	DAY OF WEEK	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 31	Thursday	Northeast	Decatur	7:30
Sept. 7	Thursday	Holmes	Goodman	7:30
Sept. 16	Saturday	Co-Lin	Decatur	7:30
Sept. 23	Saturday	Gulf Coast	Biloxi	7:00
Sept. 30	Saturday	East MS	Scooba	2:00
Oct. 7	Saturday	Hinds	Decatur	7:30
*Oct. 14	Saturday	Pearl River	Decatur	2:30
Oct. 21	Saturday	Jones	Ellisville	2:00
Oct. 26	Thursday	Southwest	Summit	7:30
Nov. 2	Thursday	Delta	Decatur	7:00

*Homecoming

Coaches: A. J. Kilpatrick
John Russell
Tony Triplett

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1989-90

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Thursday	Nov. 2	East Miss. (Tournament)	Scooba, MS
Friday	Nov. 3	East Miss. (Tournament)	Scooba, MS
Monday	Nov. 6	East Miss.	Scooba, MS
Thursday	Nov. 9	East Central (Tournament)	Decatur, MS
Friday	Nov. 10	East Central (Tournament)	Decatur, MS
Thursday	Nov. 16	Holmes	Goodman, MS
Saturday	Nov. 18	East Miss.	Decatur, MS
Monday	Nov. 20	Jones (Tournament (Men Only)	Ellisville, MS
Tuesday	Nov. 21	Jones (Tournament (Men Only)	Ellisville, MS
Monday	Nov. 27	Rhodes College (Men Only)	Memphis, TN
Wednesday	Nov. 29	Patrick Henry Jr. College	Decatur, MS
Monday	Dec. 4	* Jones	Decatur, MS
Thursday	Dec. 7	* Hinds	Utica, MS
Friday	Dec. 15	Northwest	Senatobia, MS
Saturday	Jan. 6	Patrick Henry Jr. College	Monroeville, AL
Tuesday	Jan. 9	Mary Holmes	Decatur, MS
Thursday	Jan. 11	* Southwest	Decatur, MS
Monday	Jan. 15	* Gulf Coast	Perkinston, MS
Thursday	Jan. 18	* Pearl River	Decatur, MS
Monday	Jan. 22	* Copiah Lincoln	Wesson, MS
Thursday	Jan. 25	* Jones	Ellisville, MS
Monday	Jan. 29	* Hinds	Decatur, MS
Thursday	Feb. 1	Mary Holmes	West Point, MS
Monday	Feb. 5	* Southwest	Summit, MS
Thursday	Feb. 8	* Gulf Coast	Decatur, MS
Monday	Feb. 12	* Pearl River	Poplarville, MS
Thursday	Feb. 15	* Copiah Lincoln	Decatur, MS
Mon.-Thurs.	Feb. 19-22	South Division Tournament	Wesson, MS
Mon.-Tues.	Feb. 26-27	State Tournament	TBA
Mon.-Thurs.	March 5-8	Region XXIII Tournament	TBA

All games are doubleheaders
All home games are at 6:00 p.m. (women) and 7:45 (men)
Women's Coach—Sammy Pace
Men's Coach—Jay Bowen
*Conference Game

Recruiting: A top priority

It has been said, you can lead a horse to water but.....

Well, everyone knows the rest of the story, but the same conclusion does not apply to recruiting efforts at East Central Community College.

"We feel - or make that, we know - that once a student visits East Central and discovers the quality of instruction provided, the many opportunities available, our beautiful campus and friendly atmosphere, that he or she will enroll in our college," said Dean of Students, Dr. Phil Sutphin, whose office oversees the school's recruitment efforts.

Along with Dr. Sutphin, other "official" recruiters include Gregg Jefcoat, academic counselor; John Adcock, vocational-technical counselor; and Jay Bowen, men's basketball coach. In addition, band director Tom Carson and women's basketball coach Sammy Pace have been assigned to assist during summer recruiting efforts.

The term "official" is used because, as Dr. Sutphin points out, everyone, including board of trustees members, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; other administrators, faculty and staff members, alumni and students plays a major role in the recruiting process.

Dr. Sutphin said the student organization used in recruiting is the Warrior Corps, whose members frequently visit district high schools along with college recruiters. The group, sponsored by the academic counselor, also serves as official hosts and hostesses for school activities and events.

Dr. Sutphin said recruiting is a day-to-day effort, with officials staying in constant communication with prospective students.

The college recruiting effort has become more intense under the leadership of Dr. Smith, who has begun his fifth year as college president.

Dr. Sutphin, now in his second year, took over as dean of students, from Gene Davis, who served three years in the capacity. Davis currently serves as director of adult and continuing education.

Since Dr. Smith's arrival in 1985, enrollment has steadily increased with record totals being reported each fall term. And with the 1989 fall semester, another record total has been set with 1202 students being enrolled in classes.

Along with recruiting students, Dr. Sutphin said his office also keeps regular tabs concerning applications received for admission, orientation participants, summer school enrollment, enrollment figures and other statistical information as it pertains to the recruitment process.

As dean of students, Dr. Sutphin is also chairman of the Recruitment Task Force, which is composed of various administrators and faculty members.

Dr. Sutphin said some of the task forces' plans for the fall term include the following:

* Correspondence with high school counselors and principals in the five-county district;
* Selection of new Warrior Corps members;
* Setting of fall semester recruiting dates to district high schools;
* Assessment and utilization of ACT Assessment Programs, which include Educational Opportunity Service, Enrollment Information Service and Education/Survey Service;
* Distribution of cover letters, posters and passes to high school counselors for the annual "Be Our Guest Night" for high school students at a designated football game;
* Workshops held for area high school counselors;
* Direct mail campaign to area high school seniors; and
* Development of master inquiry file containing names and addresses of all district high school seniors.

During the spring and summer, efforts become even more involved as college officials continue to contact prospective students by telephone and personal visits.

One of the most popular activities scheduled during the spring is the college's annual Senior Day event, when East Central "rolls out the red carpet" to its visiting high school students.

Dr. Sutphin said his office welcomes and appreciates correspondence from college alumni and friends, who would like to recommend prospective students. For those who would like to suggest names and be a part of the recruiting effort, please contact the Dean of Students office, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi 39327 or phone 635-2111, extension 204.

Recruiting efforts are led by these college officials who are, from left, Jay Bowen, new men's basketball coach; Gregg Jefcoat, academic counselor; Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of students; and John Adcock, vocational-technical counselor.

East Central assists adult learners through ABE program

Although many adults feel that learning stops when formal school ends, Adult Basic Education (ABE) recognizes that all individuals continue to learn each day of their lives.

As society changes over a period of years, so does the demand for literacy. What was adequate knowledge as little as 10 to 20 years ago is no longer sufficient. With the information age upon us and employees expected to retrain every 4 to 7 years, adults must maintain high reading math skills in order to function.

East Central Community College offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of adults. The programs' flexible hours offer individuals the opportunity to decide their own weekly schedule.

ABE serving adults who read and compute below the 9th grade level, offers special one-on-one tutoring for beginning adult readers. A PALS LAB, which is a computerized learning system for adult students, is also available during day and night classes. Basic Math and English are also taught on an individual basis.

ABE recognizes that adults over the age of 18 have a variety of educational needs. Whether helping a child with homework, preparing for on-the-job training, or reviewing to attend college or vocational school, basic skills in reading, math, and English often need to be refreshed. Adult Basic Education serves all adults at no charge!

GED is designed for those individuals who read and compute above the 9th grade level but have not completed high school. Instruction is geared toward higher level reading, math skills, and usage of the English language, and it prepares students to take the GED high school equivalency test. The GED certificate is widely recognized as the equivalent to the high school diploma.

GED Testing is offered, for a fee, at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational Technical Center and at the Vocational/Technical Center at the main campus in Decatur.

ABE/GED/Literacy classes meet Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The PALS LAB day class meets from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00. Class locations include the following:

Leake County - Carthage High School, South Leake Elementary, Thomastown High School.

Neshoba County - Neshoba Baptist Center, Philadelphia Elementary School.

Newton County - Newton High School, PALS LAB (campus), Vocational Annex Building (campus).

For additional information on any of these programs, contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327. Phone (601) 635-2111, ext. 279.

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EC graduate finds success as travel company owner

In her first - and only - year as a social worker following graduation from Mississippi State University in 1975, East Central alumna Mrs. Phyllis Driskell Doby realized she had prepared for the wrong career.

She had been working in Starkville, but on the advice of her uncle, Jackson airport manager Morgan Williams, she interviewed for a reservationist position with Delta Airlines and was promptly hired. Little did she realize at the time that her work with Delta would eventually lead her into a successful career of her own, as owner of a Jackson travel agency.

The 1973 graduate of East Central Junior College began the business, appropriately called The Travel Company, in 1983 with another fellow Delta employee. However, that partnership soon dissolved; and today, under her leadership, the agency has quickly and steadily grown and has a client base of over 1500 companies.

Ironically, the end of a career was the beginning of one for Phyllis.

She was not "fired," but Delta had decided to close its reservations office in Jackson and offered its employees either termination or an opportunity to relocate to any city where Delta maintained reservation headquarters.

Since husband Clinton Doby, a Waynesboro native, worked in

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Jackson, she decided she would be "terminated" and continue working in the same area.

"But had I been single, I probably would have taken their offer and moved to some exotic resort or big city. I liked the travel business, and since I had about eight years' experience it seemed the appropriate thing to do was continue my career in the Jackson area," she said.

Because of her extensive background in travel and the fact that Delta had been "an excellent teacher,"

Phyllis Driskell Doby, a 1973 East Central graduate, who is owner of The Travel Company, located in northeast Jackson's Cresent Court.

Phyllis formed The Travel Company.

She said her agency began at ground zero with a small office and just a couple of staff members. Now the company is located in a stylish-looking condominium in northeast Jackson's Cresent Court and is staffed by 10 women. The company deals primarily with corporate accounts but also handles reservations and accommodations for the individual traveler.

"Our business has really grown so that now we are just a phone call away from any client in the world," Phyllis said.

She said the agency is totally computerized (as required) and includes a fax machine to even better serve the customer. And the business provides U.S. and Mississippi toll-free numbers for her clients' convenience.

But it obviously takes a trained staff to effectively operate the agency, and Phyllis said she is very pleased that each of her 10 staff members has a minimum of eight years' experience and is "very knowledgeable" concerning the travel business.

For her knowledge and expertise, she said she "owes a lot" to Delta for hiring her and providing the necessary training to operate her own business.

"By working with Delta I knew I was prepared to start my own company especially since I enjoyed the travel industry. So at that point (1983) I was young and somewhat naive and decided to just jump right into it and that's what I did."

And does she remember her first customer?

"Of course I do. My first customer was my husband. And, yes, he did pay the full ticket price...no discount whatsoever," she laughed.

She quickly remarked that starting a travel agency is not an overnight venture.

"It takes several months before a travel agency can begin operations because the business not only has to be computerized but must also be approved by an airlines reporting corporation and IATA, an international organization. And there's a lot of red tape involved in getting started. People just don't walk off the street and get into the business because they like to travel."

And when an agency becomes qualified, Phyllis said the company must then purchase all the necessary equipment - ticket printers, etc. - before an airline will allow that agency to write tickets.

Of course the most important asset to have is the basic knowledge of the business, she said.

"If you don't know what you're doing, the chances of repeat business are pretty slim," she remarked and stated that most of her business comes from "word-of-mouth."

But why use a travel agency - why not just call a particular airline?

"First of all, many people incorrectly think it's cheaper to call an airline reservationist to reserve tickets instead of utilizing the services of a travel agency. The public does not realize that the airlines set the ticket prices - not travel agencies. When we make reservations for our clients, the money is actually sent to the airlines who in turn send us a commission for handling customers' travel plans."

Phyllis emphasized that it is really to the advantage of the traveling public to use travel agencies because companies like hers can "shop around" for the best deals and obviously save travelers a lot of money and time.

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The office decor obviously reflects her interest in travel as clearly illustrated.

Travel Company

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Along with purchasing airline tickets, she said her "full-service" company can also make arrangements for cruises, tours, motel accommodations, rent-a-car travel and can even assist travelers who prefer bus transportation. Phyllis said her company is affiliated with AMTRACK but said providing train transportation is an area which she has not really pursued.

Since most of her clientele travel by air, she admitted when an airline tragedy occurs the traveling public is a little apprehensive concerning flying.

"After a plane crash does occur, people do ask questions regarding a particular airline, maintenance records, etc. and that goes on for about two weeks. But we certainly stress to our customers that flying is still the safest method of transportation."

Contrary to what most people probably believe, being in the travel business does not necessarily mean that Phyllis and family are able to just "pack up" and take off to any foreign

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port at any time.

When she was with Delta, Phyllis said, the family was able to travel a lot more than they do now that she has her own business and Clinton has his company. And of course, a lot of their time is taken with their seven-year-old daughter, Sara.

Clinton is also self-employed and is a manufacturers' representative selling electronic parts and service for several companies. His company, Doby Associates, Inc., is located across the hall from The Travel Company in their family-owned office building.

And when the Dobys do have a chance to travel, where is their favorite spot?

"The Caribbean. It's been our favorite place and will continue to be our number one vacation spot. Clinton likes to scuba dive, but I just like to read, relax, sleep and catch-up on quiet time. And, of course, we take Sara, which naturally makes our vacations even more special. With Clinton and my working and Sara in school we aren't always able to spend as much time together as we would like. That's also why Sara sometimes comes to the office so we can be together. Sara even has her own little desk where she can work."

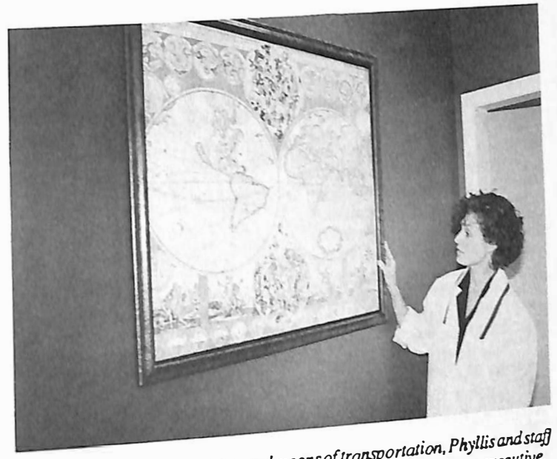
Although she has worked hard to become successful, the Union native credits her parents - Katherine and Ozborn Driskell - and the fact she grew up in a small town as the biggest reasons for her success.

"I feel being brought up in a small town like Union gave me the energy and drive to be successful. I wouldn't take anything in the world for growing up in Union, but my parents have really been a tremendous impact on my life. They always instilled in me the importance of working hard and being conscientious - and that advice has followed me in my business years. So I really attribute my dedication to work to my parents. My career is very important to me, and it just didn't happen overnight. Of course I must again mention Delta Airlines for providing me the opportunity and proper training."

At Union High School, Phyllis was an honor student, played clarinet and bass clarinet in the band and was voted Miss Union High School.

Although she still has her clarinet, she said she hasn't played the instrument since those early days when she and fellow musicians received All-Superior ratings at State Band Contest.

However, she said she does regret



Whatever one's destination and means of transportation, Phyllis and staff are equipped to accommodate the vacation traveler or business executive.

at times that she did not pursue a music career by branching out and learning how to play several instruments.

"Music was very important to me. I just wonder what might have happened..."

Her two years at East Central were also special times for Phyllis, who said she has always been glad she attended the junior college.

"East Central had - and still has - a lot of great teachers and I am so proud to have been exposed to some really knowledgeable instructors. EC well prepared me for college and really gave me a great start. Also, by attending small schools like Union and East Central I think a person can really obtain a great sense of humor."

She continued her love of music by being a member of the Warrior band and was an excellent student, have graduated with a 3.5 grade point average.

"I made so many friends at East Central, friends that will last a lifetime. I also have a fond memory of the school administrators and faculty and especially enjoyed English and lit classes taught by Mr. (Ovid) Vickers."

She said East Central definitely served as a "stepping stone" to her success.

And her advice for a successful career:

"Study hard, work hard, be conscientious and if you can, attend a college like East Central Community College. Because at East Central, you'll have a chance to grow while you learn. Those years at EC...are years I'll cherish forever."

ECCC
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Former EC quarterback becomes bank president

He was instrumental in leading an East Central football team to consecutive winning seasons during his two years as quarterback.

Now the former All-State signal caller and president's scholar is utilizing his abilities in directing a somewhat unstable banking system into a successful business enterprise.

But success stories are nothing new for Forest native Freddie Bagley, who became president and chief executive officer of Metropolitan National Bank in Biloxi last December.

A former executive vice president at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Forest, Freddie made the move after F&M board chairman Thomas Colbert purchased the coast bank - along with its nine branches - and offered him the top executive position. And in just a few months, Freddie and his banking "team" have reorganized the 125 million-dollar conglomerate which is well on its way to becoming a lucrative venture.

Although the East Central alumnus has always been a somewhat of a confident person concerning his abilities, he quickly pointed out he learned

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a long time ago that to be successful in the athletic arena, a business or in just everyday life, a quarterback or bank president can only be as successful as the people around him.

"I was fortunate to be a member of winning football programs at Forest and East Central, but it was during my senior year (1969-70) at Forest when I learned the hard way that you had better listen to your troops if you want to have a successful program," said the former All-Little Dixie Conference performer.

Freddie explained how his important lesson was learned:

"During one Forest game, I remember bouncing onto the field, and entering the huddle all fired up and ready to take charge. Since I only played on offense, I was well rested and eager to call plays. But a lot of guys went both ways - offense and defense - and they were not always as enthusiastic.

"Anyhow, I'll never forget one time that right-side linemen Wade Clark and Drew Hunt were just a fussin' at each other. I walked up to those guys and being the quarterback I told 'em to shut up. I'm running this huddle and here's what we're going to do.

"As I dropped back to pass, I was immediately swamped by defenders who just poured through the right side of the line. Wade and Drew had just fallen to the ground, allowing the opposition to sack me for a loss.

"When we got back into the huddle, Drew turned to me and said, 'Now, Bag, do you want to listen to us when we have a problem?'"

Freddie said what he learned was that it takes more than one person to have a successful team or business and that the boss had better have communication with his troops.

"And if his folks are spending too much time fussin', you had better find out what they're fussin' about!"

After leading the Bearcats to a 10-0-1 record and conference championship, Freddie, who was a national merit scholarship semifinalist (along with classmates Ellen Reynolds, Johnny Loper and Steve Kaskie), an 'A' student (he scored 29 on the ACT), student body president and voted Mr. Forest High School, had originally set his sights on signing with teammate Richard Austin to play football for Harper Davis and his Millsaps Majors.

But because of student unrest in the Jackson-area during the spring of 1970, he began to re-think his decision on where to attend college.

"I just didn't feel comfortable with the sit-ins and other things that were going on and East Central coach Ken Pouncey came to see me five or six times and asked me to play for the Warriors. It wasn't that I was so great or anything but that we had so many Forest players going there and Coach Pouncey was trying to talk me into staying with my ole crew."

It still took awhile for Freddie to commit to attend East Central; in fact, he recalled he actually did not sign a scholarship until about mid-July.

With a top-notch quarterback on the roster and many other outstanding athletes on the squad, Pouncey and assistant coach Tenie Coates no doubt realized that the 1970 team would be special, as evidenced by the season opener.

Metropolitan National Bank president Freddie Bagley who assumed his new duties at the Biloxi bank last December. Bagley, a 1972 East Central graduate, formerly served as executive vice president at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Forest.

Even to this day, Freddie vividly remembers his first junior college game:

"There I was a little ole freshman and we're playing Jones Junior College at East Central. The lead kept changing and all we had to do to score was just throw the ball as far as possible because we had this tremendous 6-5 wide receiver from Louisville (James Carter) who ran precision patterns and could sprint a 100-yard dash in about 9.8 seconds."

Freddie said the game was "very exciting" and the Warriors held on to win 34-30. He said everyone on campus and the Decatur townspeople "went wild." The previous year's squad had gone 0-10, but Freddie and his troops obviously gave notice that an exciting and winning season had just begun.

"I think we really kind of sneaked up on people that year because our opposition just didn't know what to expect from a program that was winless the previous year. As a matter of fact, I remember that Meridian Star sports writer Burl Denson tagged us the 'Cinderella' team because of the way we won our games."

During that 1970 season, the Warriors compiled a 7-3 mark and were North Division champions.

Many games stand out in the former quarterback's memory, with the biggest probably being the battle with Pearl River for the state title.

The gifted athlete said a much stronger and talented PRC squad defeated the Warriors 28-14 on the Decatur field. (Ironically, that championship Pearl River team was coached by current East Central assistant John Russell. And, in another coincidence, the Warriors actually won the North title on a coin toss between Coach Pouncey and East Mississippi's A.J. Kilpatrick, who is now in his eighth season as the Warrior head mentor!)

Other games that stand out to Freddie over the two-year period include the Warriors' 14-13 win over Northwest (coached by Ken Bramlett who was Freddie's high school coach during that 10-0-1 championship season), a 10-9 victory over Itawamba, a 28-0 white-washing over Northeast in a driving rainstorm on campus, and a 28-27 loss to Gulf Coast, the same year (1971), Gulf Coast went undefeated and were

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national champs.

Freddie admitted the win over his former high school coach was a very special victory. He attributes much of his success to Bramlett, who convinced "a scrawny, little freshman" to come out for football, after the ninth grader quit the team to concentrate solely on playing basketball.

He laughed when he recalled how Bramlett "conned" him into joining the team. He said his former coach told him that if he did not want to play he could just be the manager. But when he did decide to go out for football, his equipment would be waiting for him.

"It only took about a week of dragging all that equipment around, everyone throwing towels at me and hollering at me - for me to decide to join the team. Bramlett was obviously a great psychologist."

But back to the ballgames.

During the Itawamba game Freddie said he remembered it was sophomore Rusty McMullan, also of Forest, who actually won the game by kicking about a 35-yard field goal with just seconds remaining.

"I well remember the game because I was also the holder for field goals and extra points for Rusty. I was so nervous...my hands were shaking but I was able to catch the ball and put it in place. Then Rusty kicked the pigskin right through the uprights and we won by one point. And you know it's kind of funny, because I don't remember Rusty ever making a field goal in any other game! But that was the kind of year we had. It all just clicked perfectly."

After the Itawamba game, Freddie said a fight ensued and some of the players attacked Forest defensive back Joe Tadlock by first taking his helmet off and then hitting him on the head with his own equipment. He said Tadlock's injury required several stitches.

But that was junior college football back then, Freddie said, and he recalled many of the games were somewhat "rough" and fights would break out among players as well as among fans. He said Scooba (East Mississippi) was probably their biggest rival and it was not uncommon for several skirmishes to take place.

He also mentioned the 28-0 shut out to Northeast because the entire contest - it was not a complete game - was played in a torrential downpour. Freddie said when the Warriors came onto the field for the second half, they discovered the entire Northeast squad had decided "to get back on the bus, tuck their tails and go home...and boy were we glad!"

His biggest game - statistics wise - occurred during a 28-27 loss to Gulf Coast which was played at Pascagoula's War Stadium in 1971.

With 1:31 left, Freddie sad the Warriors marched the length of the field for what had appeared to have been the winning score.

"We were all so excited and thought we had beaten this nationally-ranked powerhouse squad. I had even saved a trick pass play to the tight end and used it for the apparent winning margin. But we celebrated too soon and Gulf Coast rallied to win 28-27 and went on to become national champs that year."

Even with the loss, Freddie's statistics were outstanding: he completed 21 of 28 passes for almost 340 yards and connected on "three or four" touchdown passes.

Although the Warriors had another 7-3 season his sophomore year, a 14-10 loss to Delta on a punt return kept East Central from repeating as North Division titleholders.

But that sophomore year was quite a traumatic time for Freddie. His step-father, Buford Calhoun, had

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cancer and later died from the disease. Freddie himself had to undergo two operations due to football injuries. He also married his classmate and high school sweetheart Mary Lynn Rhodes, who also attended East Central.

"It was really tough having to deal with my step-father's illness. I would play football on Thursday nights then spend as much time as possible with my family at other times and on weekends.

"Obviously I missed a lot of classes at East Central but I remember everyone being so nice - especially (then) registrar Mr. (Frank) Rives - and understanding of my situation."

Freddie recalled he had to go before the Board of Trustees and received special permission to keep from being dismissed from school because of his excessive absences.

Freddie stands in front of the bank which is conveniently located on Beach Boulevard.

Also about that time, the former EC signal caller said he had broken the index finger on his right hand and was unable to write. In order to pass he had to take several oral exams and he laughed when he recalled having to take such tests from social science instructor Dr. Richard Ethridge.

"Don't ever take an oral exam from Dr. Ethridge - he's tough, I'm telling you! But his is also an excellent instructor," Freddie added.

Freddie, who still has a "plastic" knuckle from that football injury, actually sustained a more serious injury in his last game as a college football player.

"It was against Southwest in Summit on a Thursday night when I dropped back to pass and someone rammed me in the side. I really didn't think much of the injury until two days later when I blacked out while washing the car. I was rushed to a Jackson hospital where I again fainted and underwent surgery for a ruptured spleen."

So Freddie said he again was forced to miss a lot of classes during the fall semester but he was able to maintain good grades and had the support of administration and faculty to help him stay in school.

But during the spring semester Freddie now had a lot of problems behind him and he was able to attend classes and make better grades. In fact, he had a perfect 4.0 grade point average that spring term.

Freddie said he has nothing but fond memories of his two years at East Central, where he received the freshman mathematics award, Andrew F. Webb Memorial Award in football and was chosen a freshman favorite.

He recalled having many excellent instructors at East Central but he especially singled out English teacher Ovid Vickers "who's the best instructor I've ever had."

"I was more proud of the 'A' received in Mr. Vickers' English literature class than any other 'A' I had ever earned. And we learned a lot about each other, too. He thought jocks were dumb and I thought English teachers were sissy! Obviously we both had some eye-opening experiences," he laughed.

Even with the problems associated with the fall semester of his sophomore year, Freddie was still able to graduate with an overall 3.6 grade point average. The worse grade he received - a 'D' - actually was not a final grade but a nine-weeks mark under biology instructor George Mason.

"That 'D' really scared me but I studied very hard and pulled it up to a 'B'. I really struggled in biology."

Although he admitted he was a "pretty dull" student, Freddie does remember playing in a few poker games, taking some of the linemen "wherever they wanted to go," going to the truck stop for that late-night snack, sneaking off to "Big Daddy's," Pizza King and other popular spots, cruising down the Chunky River and, of course, participating in panty raids!.

The only time he actually "messed up" was during one of the infrequent snow falls on campus. Freddie said he and a few others decided to throw snow balls at (then college president) Dr. (Charles) Wright's front door. He said Dr. Wright came outside "in his night gown" and the students quickly scattered!

"I was obviously not looking forward to going to classes that next day," Freddie laughed.

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After East Central it was on to Mississippi College where he was offered a football scholarship by Coach John Williams but Freddie decided his football-playing days were over. He said he actually lost the desire to play and since he was married he thought he should concentrate on his studies and career.

He received a math degree at Mississippi College and from there he went to Warren Central to coach and teach math. Freddie credits the opportunity to go to the Warren County school to Dr. Milton Walker, current superintendent of schools in Columbia, who had been Freddie's high school basketball coach and math instructor.

"Coach Walker really had a big influence on me. He told me if I wanted to be a coach to not major in physical education but in math instead. It was some of the best advice I ever received," he said.

Freddie stayed at Warren Central just one year but it was an exciting football season as the team captured the Little Dixie Conference title. (Ironically - here we go again - it was the Warren Central season-opening game during Freddie's senior year in high school that probably propelled the Bearcats to their championship season. Forest and Warren Central tied 6-6 and following a very strenuous week of practice, no other team would come close to beating the Forest squad.)

Prior to that Warren Central job, Freddie practice-taught at Forest Hill and saw the Rebels win state championship honors in baseball.

He's obviously been a part of or seen championship teams in action.

"I've been lucky, I guess, because for some reason I've been at the right place at the right time."

Although his statement is true, being at the right place at the right time took a couple of times before Freddie joined Thomas Colbert at F&M Bank.

After his first year at Warren Central, Freddie was offered the head baseball job from then athletic director-coach Lum Wright. But he said he turned down the offer because he had promised (then) Forest schools superintendent L.O. Atkins (now deceased) that he would return to his alma mater to teach and coach.

"When I came back to Forest - and this is weird - Thomas Colbert asked me if I wanted a job at the bank. I turned him down and told him I wanted to be a high school coach. Mary Lynn had started working at the bank and all I thought about that - especially while driving that school bus - was what it would be like to work at the bank."

Freddie recalled he went to see Mr. Colbert concerning a job but he was told "there was not an opening." The bank executive told Freddie he "would think about it" and a few months later Freddie's career in banking was underway.

"I owe it all to Thomas Colbert. He trained me and gave me the opportunity. Thanks to him I'm educated in banking. I'm a graduate of the Ole Miss School of Banking and a graduate of the LSU School of Banking. I have also attended seminars at the Wharton School of Business and other seminars across the country. All of that may be impressive, but the important thing to me is that I've got 12 years of on the job experience."

Freddie said when he began his banking career he always knew he would become president one day, but he admitted he had to adjust his timetable to reach that goal.

"The more I learned, the more I seemed to set back the date when I'd become a bank president. I'll tell you, those first few months at F&M were terrible...I didn't know a thing! I went from the comfortable to the uncomfortable because I was changing careers."

Freddie frowned somewhat when asked if he remembered his first customer at the Forest bank.

"Yes, I'm afraid I do. After months of training as a teller, bookkeeper and note department worker, they gave me an office, a desk and said here's your first customer. I eventually lost about $1000 on this customer when he went bankrupt a few years later."

Leaving Forest was a tough decision for the Bagleys who were active in church, community and school affairs. Freddie was a member of the Forest school board and was serving as board president when the decision was made to move to the coast.

"I believe in public education and feel it is our responsibility as citizens to demand quality education for all children - no matter the racial makeup."

A former quarterback who successfully led Forest and East Central teams, Freddie now directs reorganization efforts at the Gulf Coast bank.

The Bagley children attend Ocean Springs schools and include: Brett, 14, a freshman and accomplished pianist (she teamed with Randy Brown of Forest to win state duet competition the past three years); Brooke, 8, a third grader; Bethany Jane, 5, who has started kindergarten. Bagley said wife, Mary Lynn, is a housewife and "director of traffic."

Freddie said he knew he was ready to take charge of his own bank because through his years of experience he has "seen it all."

"If they ask me a question about operations, I've seen it. If they ask me a question about a loan, I've seen it. I haven't seen a thing that's wrong with this bank that I haven't experienced or know how to fix. I feel I have earned my spurs, that people have confidence in me and know that I'm not just some redneck from the cotton patch. However, I must admit reorganizing this bank has taken longer than expected."

He said Metropolitan did have some loan problems which are being solved. Bagley said the reorganization plan includes the installation of a new computer system and a new loan administration area - all "starting from scratch."

"We're reorganizing but our banking philosophy remains unchanged, whether the loans are for poultry farmers in Forest or shrimpers here on the coast."

He said the hardest thing about banking is having to refuse a loan to a customer.

"We don't like to say 'no' but would rather say 'yes', we'll loan you money if you can meet certain conditions."

Freddie said he teaches his people to be positive - like the way he was taught by Thomas Colbert.

"In other words, Why can't that glass be half-full instead of half-empty?"

With the reorganization of Metropolitan National Bank firmly in place, Freddie said he and his "team" plan to soon start marketing their new product.

"In just a few short months we're going to have our recapitalization plan in and we are going to have some fun. We are going to go out and see if we can really compete with these other bankers on the coast. We are going to start selling."

And if past successes are any indication, the Forest native and East Central alumnus will perform as he always has: whether on the football field, in the classroom or in the community, Freddie Bagley will succeed. Because Freddie Bagley is and always will be....nothing but a winner.

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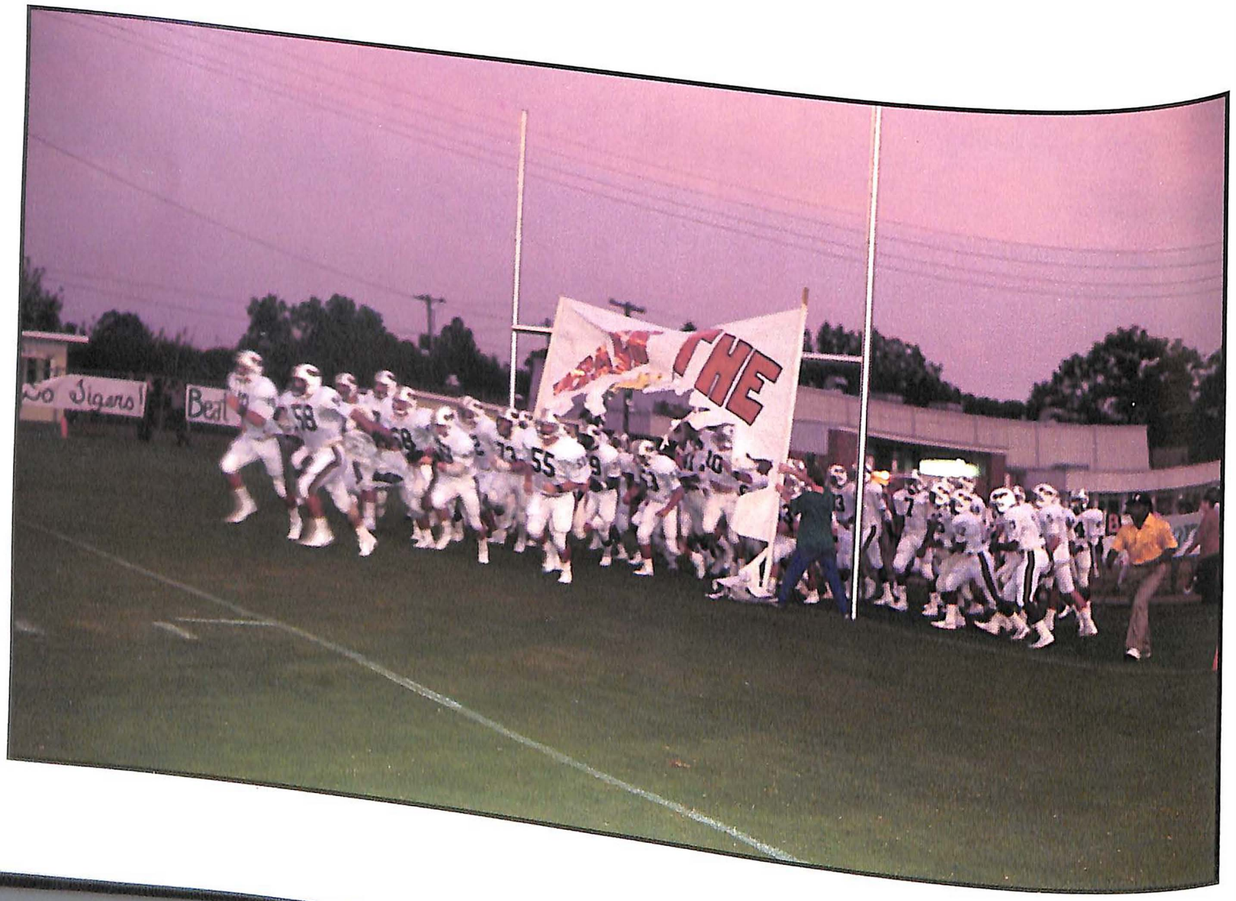

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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true;
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee;
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true;
Here's all our love to you.

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From The President's Desk

On May 11, 1990, when approximately 250 men and women complete requirements for an Associate Degree or for a certificate in vocational-technical education, East Central Community College will conclude its sixty-first session. The East Central family, including those who will graduate in May, take pride in the accomplishments of the college and look forward with anticipation to a promising future.

The 1989-90 college year has been especially noteworthy as exemplified by the following accomplishments or on-going projects:

1. The college experienced a record enrollment for the 1989-90 session.
2. Preparation of the Institutional Self-Study as required by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, East Central's regional accrediting body, is on target and will be completed in April, 1991.
3. *The Warrior*, the alumni magazine, was first published.
4. Three new technical programs were approved to begin.
5. Installation of the computer-controlled energy conservation system was completed.
6. The Todd Hall, Jackson Hall, and Newsome Hall renovations were completed and the first phase of the renovation of Winston Hall was completed.
7. The initial phase of the Huff Auditorium renovation was completed and progress was made toward raising the funds for the second phase.
8. The Lady Warriors basketball team, with an overall record of 20-5, was first runner-up in both the South Division and the State basketball tournaments.
9. Work on redesigning and refurnishing the Cross Hall chemistry laboratory is to begin shortly.
10. New furniture is being installed in four of the six dormitories, the recreation center, and the cafeteria.

Much of what any college is able to accomplish comes about not only through the efforts of those directly involved but also in a large measure through the support of dedicated alumni and the interested citizens who live in the area served by the college. We at East Central appreciate the support of all alumni and also the support of the friends of the college who reside in the five supporting counties, in the state, and across the nation.

Eddie M. Smith
President

Administration

Dr. Eddie M. Smith ..... President
Dr. Brad J. Tucker ..... Dean of Instruction
Mr. Harvey Trapp ..... Business Manager
Dr. Phil Sutphin ..... Dean of Students
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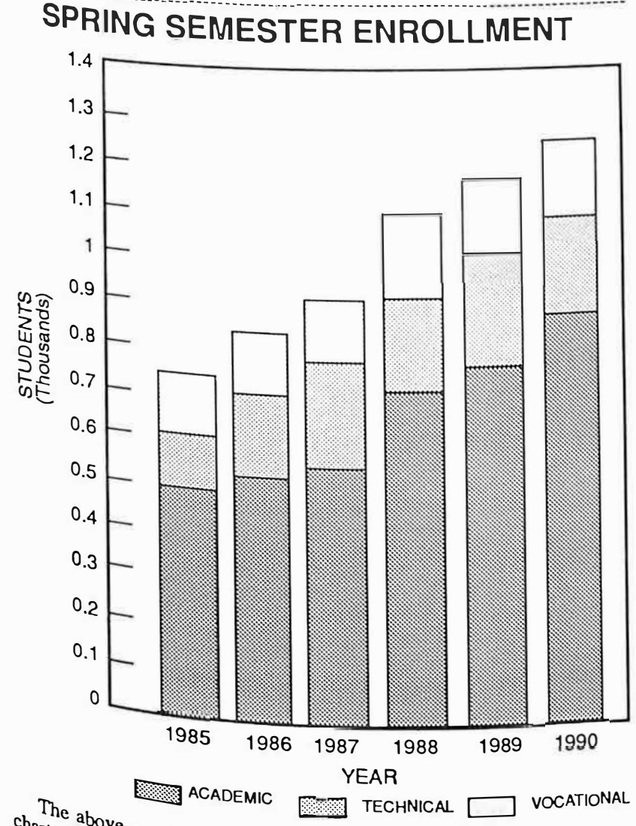
Mr. Clinton Russell ..... Director of the Physical Plant
Mrs. Lawrence Tingle ..... Director of Student Support Services

SPRING REGISTRATION COMPARISON

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
ACADEMIC	485	530	545	730	786	869
TECHNICAL	122	180	239	192	249	246
VOCATIONAL	134	158	145	165	149	161
TOTAL	741	868	929	1087	1184	1276



The above graph, provided by the college's Dean of Students office, charts the steady increase in enrollment over the past six years.

College To Be Featured On 'Good Morning America'

East Central Community College will gain national exposure in late May when the college will present the featured greeting on ABC's *Good Morning America* show.

The time of East Central's "greeting" is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. Monday, May 28, 1990 which is also Memorial Day.

Freshman Kristi Patrick of Carthage and a graduate of Leake Academy, will deliver the beginning message, which is: "Hi. I'm Kristi Patrick of East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi." Then the remaining 500 or so voices, led by College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, join in by saying, "Good Morning, America!"

The segment was filmed in late 1989 by representatives of WTOK-TV (Channel 11) in Meridian at no cost to the college.

"I certainly invite all our alumni and friends to tune in on May 28 and witness East Central receiving this national publicity. Special thanks are also extended to WTOK-TV for coming to our campus and filming the segment for broadcast," said Dr. Smith.

ECCC Reports Record Enrollment

A record 1276 students are enrolled in day and evening classes at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said the 1276 spring semester total surpasses the previous record mark when 1199 students were enrolled during the 1989 fall term. He added the spring enrollment is a 7.5 percent increase as compared to the 1989 spring total when 1187 students were enrolled in day and evening classes.

The East Central administrator said the 1276 total includes 791 full-time students and 485 part-time, evening and off-campus students. The community college offers day and evening classes on the Decatur campus with evening classes provided in Carthage, Philadelphia, Louisville, Forest, Newton and at the Choctaw Reservation.

McMullan said the enrollment break-down by county served includes the following: Leake, 206, Newton, 331, Neshoba, 297, Scott, 228; and Winston, 146. He said 68 students attend East Central from out-of-district and out-of-state.

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LETTER

October 10, 1989

Mr. Bubby Johnston
P.O. Box 50
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dr. Mr. Johnston:

We enjoyed the premier issue of *The Warrior* and hope that you continue publication in the future.

Enclosed please find a check for $100 to cover Lifetime Membership in the ECC Alumni Association for me (Lewis E. "Buzz" Nolan) and my wife, Betty (Trapp) Nolan. We both graduated in 1966, with Betty named to your Hall of Fame.

She went on the MSCW, where she graduated with honors and a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in home economics education. She later obtained a Master of Education degree from Memphis State University and currently teaches occupational food services at Northside High School in Memphis. She serves on a number of professional organizations and is on the Consumer Arbitration Panel of the Better Business Bureau.

After East Central, I went on to Mississippi State, where I graduated with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in English and history. After two years in the Marine Corps, I returned to Mississippi State and not long after started working for The Commercial Appeal of Memphis, as chief of the Columbus, Miss., News Bureau. I was transferred to Memphis in 1970, where I worked as a journalist and was promoted to business editor in 1978.

In 1984, I left newspapering and went to work for Schering-Plough Consumer Operations in Memphis, where I am Vice President of Communications. I enjoy civic activities and serve on the board of governors of the Tennessee Association of Business, the board of trustees of the West Tennessee Epilepsy Foundation and the boards of directors of Goodwill Industries of Memphis, Goals for Memphis and Bethany Maternity Home.

Betty and I have one child, Casey, who is 14. Our address is 861 University, Memphis, TN, 38107.

Yours truly,
Lewis Nolan

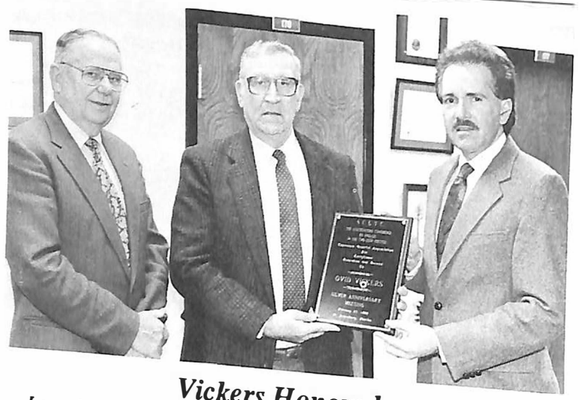
Kilpatrick Announces 1990 Football Signees

Head football coach A.J. Kilpatrick has announced signees for the 1990 season. Kilpatrick said he is "well pleased" with the incoming group of athletes and said he expects to sign additional in-district players.

Signees include the following:

DISTRICT: Dewey Lee, Louisville High School, DB, 6', 175; Kendrick Coleman, Louisville High School, WR, 6', 170; David Coleman, Louisville High School, DE, 6', 190; Markeye Holmes, Louisville High School, SS, 5'10", 170; Willie McClelland, Beulah Hubbard High School, RB, 5'11", 175; Scott Shoemaker, Morton High School, OT, 6'1", 225; Tony Adams, Morton High School, DB, 5'11", 160; William Porter, Morton High School, K, 5'10", 165; Tyrone Collier, Neshoba High School, QB, 6', 175; Jerry Welch, Neshoba, RB, 5'10", 170; Paul Evans, Lake, C, 6', 210; Timothy Ellingburg, Edinburg, TE, 6'5", 220; Earl Campbell, Union, RB, 5'11", 170;

OUT-OF-STATE: Dwayne Johnson, Thomasville, AL, OT, 6'3", 270; Derrick Gwin, Thomasville, AL, TE/DE, 6'2", 235; Russell Meeks, Evergreen, AL, DB, 6'1", 195; Russell Ellis, Gosnell, AR, LB, 6'3", 215; Chris Houston, Oxford, AL, OL, 5'11", 250; Marcus Street, Columbus, GA, LB, 6', 210; Anthony Thomas, Columbus, GA, LB, 6'2", 195.



Vickers Honored

Long-time English instructor Ovid Vickers recently was recognized by the Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-Year College at the Conference's March, 1990 meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida. Dr. Brad Tucker (left) and Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right) congratulate Vickers on receiving recognition for twenty-five years of service to the organization and for writing the conference's history, published this year. The plaque presented to Vickers for the active role he has played in the organization reads: The Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-Year College Expresses Grateful Appreciation for Exceptional and Dedicated Service to Ovid Vickers.

ECCC President Named to Who's Who

Chuck Lambert, Chairman of the advisory board of "WHO'S WHO IN MISSISSIPPI, INC." announced recently that Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central Community College in Decatur, has been selected to be inducted into the prestigious recognition publication, "WHO'S WHO IN MISSISSIPPI."

The beautifully embossed hardbound publication is published in historic Monticello, Mississippi and is comprised of personal profiles summarizing the achievements and honors attained by the recipients of this special honor.

Only a select number of Mississippians are chosen to appear in the publication annually. Admission to this elite group has been confined to those of noteworthy success within their own fields of endeavor.

"The professional achievements and service in the field of education by Dr. Smith has distinguished him as a predominant figure in Mississippi. The entire advisory board of WHO'S WHO IN MISSISSIPPI joins the family, friends and associates of the East Central President in extending our heartfelt congratulations and thanks for his unselfish devotion to making Mississippi a wonderful place to live, work and play," said Lambert.

Collegians' Fund-Raising Continues For Disney Concert

Fund-raising efforts are continuing by members of the East Central Community College Collegians, the school's vocal-instrumental pop group, who are soliciting donations for their scheduled May 23, 1990 performance at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

The popular student group, directed by Thomas W. Carson, has a goal of $6,000 to raise for the May 21-25 trip. Prior to the Disney World performance, which will be given on the Dock Stage at Disney Village Market Place, the Collegians will also perform at Tate High School in Pensacola, Florida.

Besides Carson, who not only directs the group but also plays rhythm guitar, other members include vocalists Meg Jones, Forest; Jana Fanning, Hickory; Tammitha Worley, Union; Michael Roland, Carthage; Brian Waddell, Philadelphia; and Kevin Weeks, Noxapater; Donnie Montgomery, lead guitar, Scott Walker, drums, Duane Richardson, bass guitar, Charla McFarland, horn, Jeffrey Winstead, trombone, and Chris Little, technician, all of Philadelphia; Tara VanDevender, keyboard, Union; Jason Hisaw, trumpet, and Robbie Palmieri, technician, both of Louisville; David Shaw, trumpet, and Eddie Davenport, technician, both of Meridian; and technicians Brent Warren of Morton and Mark Branning of Philadelphia.

For further information about the Disney World performance, please contact Mr. Carson, Ph 635-2111, extension 228 or send tax deductible contributions to The Collegians, P.O. Box 44, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327.

Art Scholarships Available At ECCC

Art scholarships for outstanding area high school art students have been approved at East Central Community College in Decatur and will be offered beginning with the 1990 fall term, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Dr. Smith said the college's art department, headed by Bruce Guraedy, is offering two $1300.00 scholarships to talented district seniors beginning next fall. Guraedy said students who desire to be considered for the scholarship should (1) declare art as their major (2) submit a minimum of 10 quality works of art in various media such as pencil, pen and ink, pastel, oil, acrylic or water color and (3) enroll as a full-time student at East Central.

Guraedy said those chosen must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 with a 3.0 average maintained in art course work. Guraedy said scholarship recipients must also design various images for college publications.

For further information, please contact Mr. Bruce Guraedy, Instructor of Art, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327 or Phone 635-2111, extension 229.

Randy Cleveland Receives Promotion

Randy Cleveland, a Decatur native and East Central alumnus, has been named Senior Supervising Engineer with Exxon Company USA located in New Orleans. Cleveland is employed in Exxon's Offshore Division with responsibilities in Gulf of Mexico operations.

Cleveland joined Exxon in 1984 after graduating from Mississippi State University with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1979 and attended East Central Junior College before enrolling at MSU.

He and his wife, the former Nina Ward of Demopolis, Alabama reside in Metairie, Louisiana.

Choctaw Video Technology Program Culminates in Film Presentation

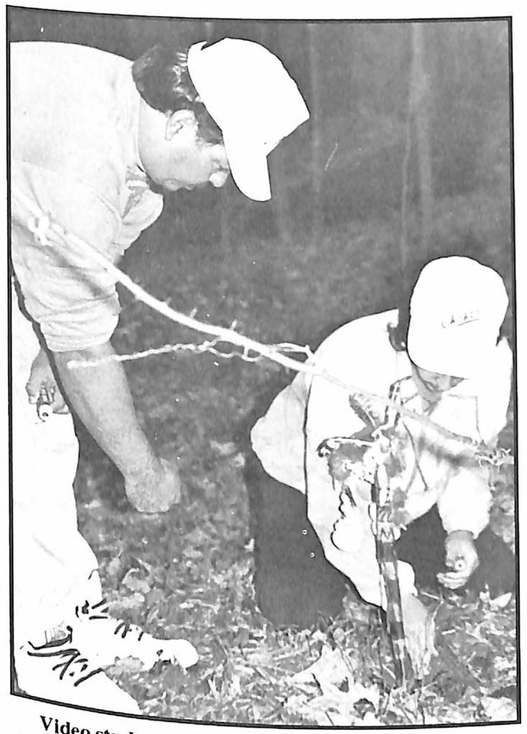
East Central Community College and the Choctaw Vocational Education Program joined forces in June of 1988 to offer an intensive Video Production course on the Neshoba County reservation with credit through East Central. In addition to their hands-on training, students enrolled in the program came to East Central two days a week to take the required academic courses. On December 20, 1989, graduation was held for those who completed the eighteen-month course.

As a final project, the class wrote, directed, performed and filmed a twenty-minute video. The video, titled THE LEGEND OF HOPAYI, concerns a group of anthropology students who come to an Indian archeological site to excavate. The students are on a field trip, and once they reach the site they find far more than they had anticipated. They discover the Hopayi, acted in the film by Bobby Henry. The Hopayi Abana is one who has powers but uses these powers for evil rather than good.

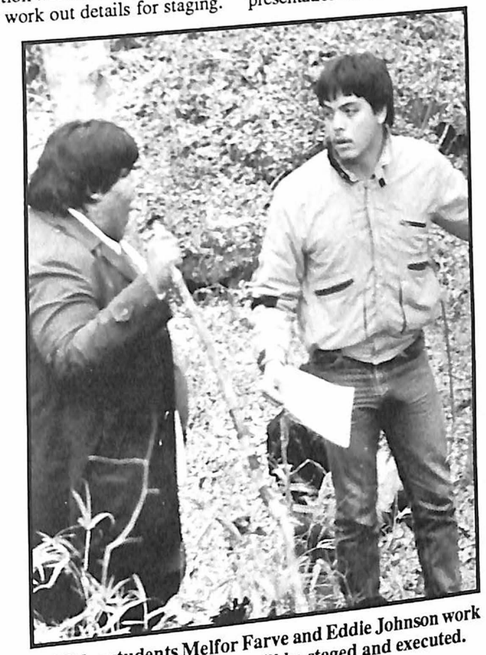
The video was written and directed by Melford Farve. Other members of the class involved in the production were Eddie Johnson who helped work out details for staging. Chris Chickaway, Karl Butler and Jake York were in charge of props. All members of the class assisted in the final taping.

At the screening of HOPAYI, which was attended by East Central President Dr. Eddie Smith, the work of several students from CHATA ANUMPA, an in-house Choctaw news magazine, were also shown along with several shorter student film projects.

Mark Murray, the instructor, had only praise for his students, and all those who attended the screening agreed that the students presented a most professional and enjoyable presentation of their work.



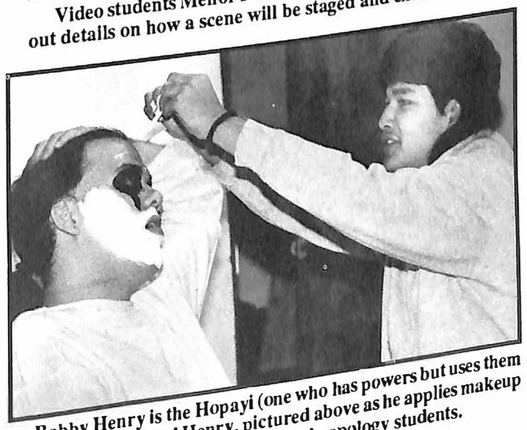
Video students Chris Chickaway and Karl Butler set up props for a suspensful segment in the swamp.



Video students Melfor Farve and Eddie Johnson work out details on how a scene will be staged and executed.

Photos Courtesy of The Choctaw Community News

The Hopayi and video student Karl Butler are shown during one of the final taping sessions.



Bobby Henry is the Hopayi (one who has powers but uses them for evil) Abana; Earl Henry, pictured above as he applies makeup for Abana, was cast as one of the anthropology students.

New Vo-Tech Programs Announced at East Central

Three new technical programs have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur and will be offered beginning with the 1990 fall term, according to O.L. Newell, director of the college's Vocational-Technical Center.

Newell said three programs, Precision Machining Technology, Automated Manufacturing Technology and Metal Fabrication Technology, should help establish East Central as the "hi-tech training center for Central Mississippi." Funding for the programs is provided by the State Bureau of Vocational-Technical and Adult Education.

The vo-tech director said the programs of study are being offered "at the request and need" of several area industries. Newell said the college will continue to work closely with local industries in providing the kind of work force "required and needed" by each plant. He said students enrolled in either program will receive the finest instruction available to enable them to become first-rate employees for industry.

The three programs have been developed over a period of three years with input from manufacturing firms in the area, the staff from the State Bureau of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education, other community colleges with similar programs, national representatives of equipment companies and the East Central staff members who will be providing instruction in the three new areas.

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The East Central official said college instructors have visited other colleges, attended planning sessions in Indiana and Michigan and visited industries that are tooling up for automated processes.

"We believe East Central Community College will have one of the most progressive instructional programs in the region in manufacturing processes. We plan to tie five technical program areas together with a network of computers and use the latest in technical equipment. The college is presently bidding approximately $300,000 in additional equipment for startup of the programs," Newell said.

Descriptions of each program are as follows:

AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY

The program is designed to prepare students for employment in Automated Manufacturing Technology in business, industry and government as a Systems Analyst (hardware and software) at the entry level for employment.

PRECISION MACHINING TECHNOLOGY

The program is designed to prepare students for employment in manufacturing job shops and government as a machinist trained in computer programming and operation of CNC machines and other associated automated equipment.

METAL FABRICATION TECHNOLOGY

The program is designed to prepare students for employment in the metal fabrication industry as a machine fabrication technician, trained in welding techniques, programming, operation of CNC machines and other associated automated equipment.

For further information concerning the new programs, please contact O.L. Newell, Director, Vocational-Technical Center, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi 38327 or Phone 635-2111, extension 211.

Community College Month Proclaimed

Mississippi comunity and junior college presidents met with Governor Ray Mabus e arler this year afte r he signed a proclamation recognizing February as National Community College Month and commending the two year colleges for their valuable contribution to the state's higher education system. Pictured are front, from left, Dr. McKinley Martin, Coahoma Community College ;Mabus; Dr. Clyde Muse, Hinds Community College; back, from left, Dr. Starkey Morgan, Holmes Community College; Dr. Eddie Smith, East Ce ntral Community College; Dr. Ted Alexander, Pearl River Community College; Dr. William Moore, East Mississippi Community College ;Dr. Billy Thames, Copiah-Lincoln Community College; Dr. Terrell Tisdale, Jones Junior College; Dr. David Haraway, Northwest Community College; Horace Holmes, Southwest Community College; Dr. David Powe, Mississipp' Delta Community College; Joe Childers, Northeast Community College; Dr. Barry Mellinger, Gulf Coast Community College; Dr. W. O. Benjamin, Itawamba Community College; and Mac McClellan, dire ctor of activities, State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Not pictured is Dr. Bill Scaggs, president, Meridi an Community College.

ECCC Library Will Benefit From Grant Funds

East Central Community College in Decatur will share resource materials with other state community/junior colleges thanks to a recently approved $107,481 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, announced Mrs. Ann Burkes, college librarian. Mrs. Burkes said the grant will be used for the establishment of MISNET (Mississippi Information Sharing Network).

Dr. Barbara Jones, Northwest Mississippi Community College administrator and grant proposal author, said college students currently "do not have access" to any information outside the local collection, " which is especially restrictive when students need access to information in periodicals."

Mrs. Burkes said the MISNET project will allow libraries to begin to share information resources through the use of facsimile machines which East Central should receive "very soon." She said the project is divided into three phases: training, conversion and sharing.

The training phase will involved three statewide workshops in technology applications.

Stage two involves converting periodical collections of each of the 31 main and branch libraries to a machine-readable format.

Once the conversion is completed and distributed and fax machines are installed in all the libraries, Mrs. Burkes said community and junior college students in Mississippi will have access to an almost unlimited information database.

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She said the long-range goal of the project is to include the state's public libraries, university system and regional and national networks.

Community, Junior Colleges Presidents Seek Support

Citing a rapidly approaching "crisis" in higher education funding, Mississippi's university, community and junior college presidents earlier this year urged legislators "to recognize the serious and pressing needs of the state institutions and of the some 150,000 Mississippians who attend and work in them."

The education leaders sought support for the joint $105 million higher education budget increase which has received full backing from respective boards of trustees.

In an open letter to the state's lawmakers, the university and college presidents issued the following statements:

"We speak not only as institutional leaders but as parents and citizens concerned for our state's future. The success of every business and industry in Mississippi depends on the quality of our graduates, whether they attend universities or community colleges.

"Today's students are tomorrow's health care workers, teachers and business people. These students both need and deserve the best education we can provide. Failure to pay salaries adequate to attract and keep qualified faculty will doom our students to a second-rate education and a second-rate future. Failure to adequately equip our classrooms, libraries, laboratories and computer centers will place our graduates - and our state - at a serious disadvantage in the competitive job market of the 1990's."

"...the most 'vital need" at East Central is raising salaries of faculty and other personnel to the midpoint level between K-12 teachers and university professors.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith
ECCC President

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Community College in Decatur, said the "most vital need" at East Central is raising salaries of faculty and other personnel to the midpoint level between K-12 teachers and university professors.

"We must have support of our legislators during the session to help us avert this approaching crisis," said Dr. Smith.

The state institutions, according to reports, currently enroll or employ almost six percent of the state's total operating budget of almost $1 billion which makes higher education one of the state's largest enterprises. Of that amount, educators said the state's appropriation represents about 38 percent, a sum that serves "as the indispensable foundation for our growth and development."

In making their appeal to state legislators, the university and college presidents listed the following statements concerning higher education:

*Public higher education in Mississippi is a $996-million-dollar-a-year business;

*Students, faculty and staff represent six percent of the state's population;

*Almost 120,000 students attend community and junior colleges and universities;

*Approximately 15,000 degrees and certificates are awarded annually;

*Universities and community colleges employ 25,000 people (17,000 state-funded employees);

*Over 33.6 million square feet of space make up the campuses;

*Approximately 20,000 adults were trained or retrained for industry in Mississippi's community colleges during 1988-89;

*The university system operates the state's largest and most advanced health care facility;

*The community colleges and universities have a combined yearly payroll of almost $600 million;

*Approximately $85 million was awarded to Mississippi universities for research and development in 1988-89;

*Agricultural research and service make a significant contribution to all 82 counties, supporting Mississippi's largest industry - one that has an annual production value of more than $3 billion; and

*Universities and community colleges train almost all the state's health care professionals.

In explaining the "approaching crisis," the following statements were issued concerning needs for increased funding:

-Many public schools can pay a starting salary of $2,000 to $4,000 a year more than community colleges in the state;

-Millions of federal dollars go unclaimed because universities lack matching funds, impeding the ability of our universities to acquire these funds for research and for the training of graduate students;

-The majority of buildings were built before 1970; these buildings need renovations, waterproofing, roofing, air conditioning and boiler replacement;

-Critical areas such as computer science, business and allied health are understaffed, limiting student access to professors in a time of enrollment growth;

-Hundreds of faculty members will retire in the next ten years, with chances for replacement hurt by the predicted nation-wide faculty shortage and the inability to pay competitive salaries;

-Students are being taught on outdated equipment;

-Many statewide problems (wastewater discharge, insect control, soil research) go unsolved because of restrictive funding for programs and research; and

-An absence of technology and limited library collections and services put students at a disadvantage.

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ECCC Undergoes SACS Evaluation

East Central Community College is in the process of conducting an institutional self-study for the reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This is the process that each member institution must engage in every ten years in order to remain accredited. The procedure ensures that an institution meets minimum standards of quality and that it effectively fulfills its educational purposes.

The overall purpose of the self-study in the reaffirmation process is to increase educational effectiveness at the College. The process will involve a systematic, honest, intensive, and comprehensive self-evaluation of its strengths and weaknesses. The self-study will present all information necessary for the institution and for the peer review committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the College in fulfilling its goals and purpose.

Broad-based participation in the self-study will provide each individual in the East Central Community College system and educational community an opportunity to assess the planning and evaluation process necessary for continued improvement of quality education.

The study is to be completed and to document complied by December 1990. A visiting committee, composed of individuals from colleges outside the state of Mississippi, will make an on-site visit in April, 1991.

Serving as director of the self-study is Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

ECCC Instructor, Student Honored by State Lawmakers

East Central Community College instructor Miss Lucille Wood and adult student Mrs. Joyce Payne Luke of Decatur were among 78 outstanding faculty and student members from Mississippi universities, colleges, community/junior colleges and proprietary institutions who were recognized by the Mississippi Legislature on February 13 during the third annual HEADWAE program.

The special observance, known as Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence, was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

The distinguished honorees represent 39 institutions from throughout the state and were selected by their institutions based on scholastic performance, experience, teaching record and other factors.

Miss Wood, a native of Louisville, has been an instructor of health, physical education and recreation at East Central since 1956. She teaches health, first aid, introduction to physical education, recreational leadership, tennis and fitness and conditioning.

For many years, Miss Wood served as women's basketball coach and worked for and was instrumental in organizing intercollegiate women's athletics in both the junior and senior institutions in Mississippi. She guided her Warriorette teams to four state championships and three division titles. In 1954 Miss Wood assisted in organizing junior college tennis competition as it is today.

In 1986, Miss Wood became the first woman to be inducted into the East Central Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame. The Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building is named in honor of Miss Wood and fellow athlete-coach General Denver Brackeen.

Miss Wood is a graduate of Louisville High School, East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where she holds bachelors and masters degrees.

After a 20-year interval between her graduation at Hickory High School and enrollment into college, Mrs. Luke is aiming toward a degree in Library Science with minor emphasis in English. She plans to become a library-media specialist for K-12 grades.

At East Central, Mrs. Luke, a sophomore, has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average and was named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES. Along with being a President's List Scholar, she holds membership in Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity for two-year college students, and Student Education Association, an organization which gives students practical experience in teacher-teacher and teacher-student relations.

She is married to Robert Luke who is general manager for Farm Bureau Insurance Agency in Decatur. They have three children, Richard, 17, a senior at Decatur High School; Becky, 15, a freshman at Decatur; and Dan, 9, a third grade student at Boler Elementary School in Decatur.

Following her graduation from East Central in May, 1990, Mrs. Luke plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

Rep. Mike Parker, D-Miss., was the featured speaker at the annual HEADWAE luncheon. House Speaker Pro Tem Cecil Simmons served as master of ceremonies. Other participants included Governor Ray Mabus, Lieutenant Governor Brad Dye, House Speaker Tim Ford, and Senate President Pro Tem Glen DeWeese.

Officials from the various institutions, the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges, and the State Board of Community and Junior Colleges also were present.

In addition to the luncheon, the honorees visited the State Capitol where they were introduced to the State Senate and to the House of Representatives.

HONORED BY LEGISLAGOR

East Central Community College instructor Miss Lucille Wood, seated, and sophomore adult student Mrs. Joyce Payne Luke of Decatur, who were honored along with other outstanding university and college representatives during the Mississippi Legislature's annual HEADWAE program held February 13.

Massey Joins ECCC Staff

Donald Wayne Massey has been selected Automotive Mechanics instructor at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central Community College in Decatur which operates the Philadelphia center.

Massey, 33, replaces interim instructor Jim Stewart who succeeded Keith Doss after Doss resigned from the position.

Prior to beginning his duties at the vo-tech center, Massey served as auto mechanic at Tolbert Chevrolet, Olds, Buick and Pontiac. He began his employment at the Philadelphia dealership in February, 1976.

Massey is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. He has received special training in numerous automotive service schools.

He is married to the former Norma Anthony of Kemper County and they have three children: Amber, Leah and Sha.

The Masseys are members of Longino Baptist Church in Philadelphia where he serves as deacon.

DONALD WAYNE MASSEY

DR. RICHARD ETHRIDGE

EC Instructor Selected To ETV Advisory Committee

Dr. Richard Ethridge, Chairman of the Division of Social Studies, Business Administration and Education at East Central Community College has been selected to serve on the Public Advisory Committee for Mississippi Education Television. Dr. Ethridge will represent the state's community and junior colleges on the advisory committee, which is composed of scholars, community leaders, teachers and elected officials. Former Governor William Winter will serve as committee chairman.

The social studies instructor said the committee's purpose is "to plan the overall content, review the general content of, and examine the detailed content of a 12-part instructional television series on Mississippi History that will accompany the required seventh-grade history course for Mississippi public schools."

He said total cost of the project is $629,420.00 and the full series should be ready to air in the spring of 1992. He said six of the programs will be produced in 1990 and the remaining six will be produced in 1991.

Coordinated by Guy Paul Land of Eupora, who did doctoral work in history at Harvard and served for four years as Counsel to Senator John Stennis, the project will at all times remain the direct responsibility of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television. The origination point for Mississippi's statewide television network, Mississippi ETV operates a state-of-the-art production facility located in the Education and Research Center Complex in Jackson. Since it signed on the air in 1970, Mississippi has won 300 national awards for instructional programming.

Jimmy Dempsey Named ECCC Vo-Tech Counselor

Jimmy C. Dempsey has been selected as an additional Vocational-Technical Counselor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Dempsey, 52, began his new duties effective January 2, 1990. He previously served as assistant principal at Pearl River High School in Carriere, a position he held since July 1988.

The new college counselor has over 21 years of school-related experience. Prior to his arrival at Pearl River High School, Dempsey served as assistant principal/coach at Picayune Memorial High School, principal/counselor/coach at Houston (Mississippi) High School, counselor/coach at Warren Central High School and teacher/coach at Nanih Waiya High School.

Dempsey also brings an extensive business-related background to his new position as he previously served as production foreman for Wood Treating, Inc. in Picayune for six years. He was also associated with Metropolitan Insurance in Hattiesburg and Calendar Stationery Company in Columbia.

Dempsey is a graduate of Louisville High School, Delta State College, where he received a bachelors degree in secondary education; and Mississippi State University, where he obtained a masters degree in secondary school administration and guidance education.

He has a daughter, Allyson McKay, 29, of Picayune; and Wade, 27, of Nashville.

JIMMY DEMPSEY

Shoemaker Retiring After 26-Year Career at ECCC

Saying it is time to let a younger person take over, Grover Shoemaker, Automotive Body and Fender Repair instructor at East Central for the past 26 years, has announced his retirement effective May 31, 1990.

A native of Morton, Shoemaker will be 64 when he retires from a career in the automotive business that began on June 3, 1945.

"I still remember that day when I walked into my first shop," Shoemaker recalled.

His total teaching career actually spans 30 years, as he previously taught mechanics as well as automotive body and fender repair at Greenwood High School before starting his career at East Central in 1964.

Along with his teaching duties, Shoemaker has also operated his own business and worked for various local automobile dealers.

Shoemaker initially arrived at EC as a student in 1945. He was one of the first to enroll at East Central under the GI Bill. His high school education was interrupted following the eleventh grade when he was drafted by the Marine Corps for service in World War II. Shoemaker said he was stationed on the West Coast and served during 1944-45.

Over the years Shoemaker said he has witnessed many changes in the automotive body and fender repair business noting that the size of automobiles and body replacement techniques are two of the main areas of change.

He said he is proud of the numerous people he has led into the automotive business and stated his former students are scattered "all over the country" operating and owning their own shops.

Shoemaker also points with pride that his students have either won or placed in every VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs in America) state contest since the competition began many years ago.

Shoemaker said he, too, has received "a lot of schooling" over the years by attending various seminars and training programs to keep up with the many changes in the automotive field.

"I've been going to school all my life," Shoemaker said and added, "As far as East Central is concerned I have a twelfth grade education, but I've got this place (his shop) covered."

Shoemaker said he has really enjoyed teaching at East Central. In

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Shoemaker Retiring

Automotive Body and Fender Repair instructor Grover Shoemaker who will retire May 31, 1990 after 26 years of service

Newell Retires As Director Of Vocational-Technical Instruction

Lavane Newell joined the East Central Community College faculty in 1961. He will, at the end of the current academic year, retire from a teaching and administrative career that spans thirty-three years. All but four of those years have been spent at East Central.

Lavane is a native of Itawamba County and graduated from the Itawamba County High School. He has, for most of his adult life, been associated with a community college since he holds an A.A. Degree from Itawamba Junior College.

During the Korean Conflict, Lavane joined the United States Marine Corps and was assigned to the first Marine Combat Division in

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Korea. The first division was engaged in fierce fighting in the hills along the 38th Parallel, and in an effort by the division to retake a hill near the Parallel, he was seriously injured by shrapnel from exploding artillery shells.

As a result of his combat injuries, Lavane spent the next eighteen months in military hospitals in Oakland, California, and Millington, Tennessee, undergoing several operations. He was, before his discharge, decorated by the military for exceptional valor under fire and was also awarded the Purple Heart.

Recuperation from his injuries was a slow and painful process, but during this time he resumed his education. After receiving the A.A. from Itawamba, he entered Mississippi State University and completed both a B.A. and an M.S. Degree. Since he received the Master's, he has completed an additional thirty-six graduate hours in School Administration and Vocational Education at Mississippi State University.

His first teaching job was at Moss Point High School, where he taught from 1957 until 1961. In 1961, he was employed by Mr. Arno Vincent, the President of East Central at the time, to teach woodworking, drafting design, mechanical drawing, and descriptive geometry. In 1966, he was named Director of Vocational-Technical instruction.

When Lavane began his duties as Director, East Central had two vocational programs with a total of fourteen students. Mr. James Ezelle was instructing a class in Electricity with an enrollment of six, and Mr. O. B. Mayo was teaching a class of eight in Auto Mechanics.

Under Lavane Newell's leadership, the Vocational-Technical Programs have been greatly expanded. Today, there are twenty-two programs offered on two campuses and two off-campus locations. The Vocational-Technical faculty has grown from three in 1961 to forty-three today. The equipment used for teaching in the program is valued today at slightly under two million dollars.

Because of excellent administrative leadership and a dedicated faculty, the Vocational-Technical Programs supervised by East Central Community College are now attended by 518 students. This growth has been steady and continuous and is an indication that people in the area served by East Central are aware of the caliber of instruction and counseling offered by the Vocational-Technical Division.

Mr. Newell has always believed that a teacher or administrator should be a member of local, regional and national organizations related to whatever discipline that person represents. He is therefore a member of the Mississippi Vocational Association and the American Vocational Association. Being a civic-minded and patriotic person, he is also a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion. Having seen service in Korea, he is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member and a deacon in the Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

Each year, East Central chooses a faculty member from the Academic Division and one from the Vocational-Technical Division as Outstanding Faculty Members for that year. In 1986, Lavane Newell was chosen as Outstanding Teacher from the Vocational-Technical Division.

Newell Retires

Retiring Vo-Tech Director O.L. Newell, shown with secretary Suzanne Harthcock.

Newell is married to the former Bobbie Spencer who is also a native of Itawamba County. Lavane and Bobbie have two daughters who are graduates of East Central. They are Mrs. Cheryl Mars whose husband Dan is a young attorney in Philadelphia and Mrs. Pam Keith of Decatur. Pam teaches in the Newton County School System and her husband Tommy is Plant Manager for Bon Homme Manufacturing Co. in Decatur. The Mars family has two sons,

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Adam and William, and the Keiths also have two children; a son, Camp, and a daughter, Kerri.

When asked about how he plans to spend his time once he retires, Newell with a twinkle in his eye and love in his voice declared that he was sure the three women in his family would find plenty for him to do. Mr. Newell is an avid fisherman, and he maintains a large and beautiful lawn with flower beds and a variety of shrubs around his home just inside the south limit of the town of Decatur.

Because he enjoys working with wood, he has a shop where he always has some project underway. He recently completed an entertainment center for one of his daughters and admits that there is a backlog of items he intends to build once he has more free time.

John Adcock, Vocational Counselor at East Central, has worked with Newell since 1974. In commenting about his association with the director, Adcock stated, "The key to the growth and success of the Vocational-Technical Division at East Central can be directly attributed to the concern that Mr. Newell has for people. He cares about individuals and their welfare, and exercises patience and understanding when working with people."

The Assistant Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction, Chester Clark, says "It has been my privilege to work under the supervision of Lavane Newell. He has always been fair with his faculty, and he is always willing to listen to any problem, no matter how small. He will be greatly missed when he retires."

The name Lavane Newell is well known in Vocational-Technical circles in Mississippi. He will be missed not only at East Central but at the state level as well. He leaves his duties at the college with the knowledge that he has guided a Vocational-Technical Program from its formative years to a multiple campus operation which trains citizens, through their chosen professions, to make a real contribution to the area, to the state, and to the nation.

Alumni News

Alumni Association Leaders

Members of the college's Alumni Association Board of Directors met earlier in the year to discuss plans for Homecoming and other activities scheduled for 1990-91. Directors include, seated from left, Skippy Lathem of Morton, vice president; Mrs. Brenda Carson, college financial aid director, faculty club chairman; Mrs. Gloria McRae of Carthage, past president; Earl Marshall of Clinton, president; Hal Land of Louisville, student body association president; standing from left, Paul Chamblee of Carthage, Leake County representative; Dan Harrison of Newton, Newton County representative; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Dr. Brad Tucker, dean of instruction; and Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of students. Not pictured are Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur, secretary-treasurer; Gary Adkins of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Ed Eichelberger of Forest, Scott County representative; Patsy Clark of Louisville, Winston County representative; out-of-district representatives James Vance of Meridian and Larry Payne of Clinton; and John Adcock, vocational-technical center counselor whose area concerns recruitment

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fact, he proudly stated that he has not missed a single "sick day" in his 26-year teaching career.

"If I can keep from missing a single day before this semester ends, then I'll have it made - perfect attendance," he said.

Shoemaker said he has had several opportunities to leave the state but each time he has refused to leave.

"I guess I'm just a Mississippi man," he laughed.

Shoemaker is also a "family" man and stressed that his wife, the former Ruby Lee Stegall, their five sons and three daughters-in-law, all attended East Central.

He fondly recalled how he and Ruby attended Morton High School together but said not until his return from military service did he actually take "serious" notice of his wife-to-be, until he saw her shopping in downtown Morton. They will observe their 45th wedding anniversary on May 12, 1990.

The Shoemakers have five sons: DuWayne, 38, an insurance agent in Decatur; John David, 33, and Danny Lynn, 31, who together operate Shoemakers' Paint and Body Shop in Decatur; Dolan, 28, a professional dancer with the Mississippi Ballet and who will perform during the 1990 Summer Olympics; and Jimmy Doyle, 22, who is employed with Simmons Wrecker Service and body Shop in Meridian.

There are also six grandchildren with a seventh expected in April.

Shoemaker said he has a lot of plans for his retirement years, including helping his sons operate the business, gardening, and doing a little fishing. He also plans to do a little fence repair work and build a small fishing pond at their house located on the old Hickory highway "exactly two miles from the Western Auto Store."

"I've seen a lot of people come and go at East Central...Dr. (Eddie) Smith is my third president...and I have certainly enjoyed working with each one," Shoemaker said.

"I guess I know enough that I need to get out and let somebody else have it (his position)," Shoemaker said. "But my experience here at East Central has been wonderful and I'll certainly cherish all those great memories, " he added.

EC Alumnus is Lauded

(Note: The following story is reprinted from the Cobb County News in Cobb County, Georgia. Hines attended and graduated from Forest High School, East Central Junior College and University of Southern Mississippi.)

Roger Hines grew up in the fields of Mississippi, the 16th of 17 children.

He was the first in his family to attend college, although his older brothers and sisters loved learning, achieved goals and taught him by example in the process.

Upon graduation from USM with a BS degree in 1966, he became a teacher. Cobb County, Georgia is glad he did. Hines, a celebrated and honored English and composition teacher, is recognized as one of the very best in the South. As a result, he is INSIDE COBB's choice as the country's best teacher, an honor that the county's school system confirmed by naming him Teacher of the Year for 1988-89.

Hines came to Cobb County in 1971 as an advance placement English teacher at Wheeler High School. After 12 years there, he joined the county's board of education staff in the curriculum division. Eager to get back to the classroom, he joined the North Cobb High School staff in 1986 where he currently teaches composition and American and English literature.

Twice he has been recognized by the Governor's Honors Program and has addressed the Governor's Conference on Education. Very popular with his students, he twice received yearbooks dedicated to him while teaching at Wheeler.

"My greatest personal achievement," he said, "has not been any one

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Lamar Jackson Is Tennessee Hospital Association V.P.

Lamar Jackson

Stallo, located on the Neshoba-Winston County line is now only a cluster of houses, but at the turn of the century Stallo was a thriving community. The trains stopped at the depot each day, sizeable congregations filled the two churches on Sunday; several stores did a good business; and Dr. Loveless Jackson's patients could have their prescriptions filled at Stallo's drugstore.

Today, Lamar Jackson, Jr., Dr. Jackson's grandson, is the Vice-President of the Tennessee Hospital Association. Lamar grew up in the Stallo community and graduated from Neshoba Central High School in Philadelphia in 1966. In the fall of 1966, he entered East Central Community College and received an A.A. Degree from East Central in 1968. He completed senior college at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1970. In 1977, while employed by Nashville Memorial Hospital as Director of Public Relations, he was granted a Master of Arts Degree in English and Mass Communications from Vanderbilt University.

Lamar's professional career has been spent almost entirely in the field of public relations. From 1970 until 1984 he was Director of Public Relations for Nashville Memorial Hospital, St. Thomas Hospital, and the Tennessee Hospital Association. In 1984, he became Vice-President for Public Relations and Consumer Affairs for the Tennessee Hospital Association, a position which he holds at present.

After living in an apartment for a number of years, Lamar bought a home in Historic Edgefield. Edgefield was, in the late 1800s, an elite section of the city of Nashville, but as the city expanded and affluent families moved to the suburbs, the Gothic Revival, Dutch Renaissance, Queen Anne, Italianate Classical, and Eastlake Victorian homes of Edgefield fell into disrepair. Edgefield became an area of urban blight. Then in the late 1970s, as "urban pioneers" rediscovered the interesting architecture and careful detailing of the houses, Edgefield was reclaimed.

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Gradually, the neighborhood has been reborn and flourishes again today. The formation and development of a strong neighborhood association, along with the designation of Edgefield as Nashville's first historic district assured the revitalization of the area.

Lamar Jackson was one of the first "urban pioneers" to buy a house and move into the Edgefield District. The house which was in a dilapidated state when purchased, has been carefully restored by Jackson.

During the annual Edgefield tour of homes, the Jackson house at 810 Russell Street is open to the public. The house is noted for its elegant Italianate architecture. Graceful archways detailing the porch and original woodwork and elegant mantels which accent the beautifully restored interior are always pointed out as features of the house.

Recently, a period carriage house has been added at the rear of the property. The carriage house completes the restoration of this turn-of-the-century urban residence and its dependencies.

The work of Lamar Jackson with the Historic Edgefield Neighborhood Association has not gone unnoticed. He has served the Historic District as secretary and since 1986 has been the organization's very active president.

In addition to his work the Historic District, Lamar donates his services to other community projects. He is currently Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee of the United Neighborhood Health Services, and serves on the board of Directors of United Way of Middle Tennessee.

Professionally, he is associated with a number of organizations. He is the Immediate Past President of the Nashville Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and is a member of the American Society of Association Executives, the International Association of Business Communicators, and the American Hospital Association.

Civic and Professional organizations have, over the years, honored Lamar Jackson for his achievements and contributions. He received a Distinguished Service Award from the healthcare Public Relations and Marketing Society, a Meritorious Service Award from the Tennessee Hospital Association, and the McEachern Award from the Academy of Hospital Public Relations Executives.

"It was my two years at East Central Community College which gave me the foundation necessary for continuing my education at a senior institution. While at East Central, I gained the self-confidence and perception I needed to understand that I could be successful in whatever profession I chose to enter," Jackson said in a recent telephone interview.

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At East Central he was a member of the Players Club and appeared in several plays. He was an active member of the Wesley Foundation, and during his sophomore year served as President of this campus Methodist organization. In order to pay his tuition, he worked as the college postman for the two years he was a student at East Central. He also wrote feature articles for the TOM-TOM both his freshman and sophomore years.

Jackson insisted that he considered all his teachers at East Central to be good instructors, but several will always be appreciated for the special attention and guidance shown to him while he was a student here.

"I especially remember the composition classes taught by Mrs. Alyne Simmons," he said. "Mrs. Simmons encouraged me to do good work, and I realized while in her class that I had some potential as a writer. Mrs. Simmons did not give high marks unless a piece of written work was outstanding, and I always worked diligently to make the best grade possible. I would not be in the field of public relations toady, and the job requires a great deal of writing, if I had not been given a good foundation, along with encouragement, by Alyne Simmons during my freshman year at East Central."

"Mr. Tommy Thrash taught World History. He never wasted a moment of class time, and when I watch television quiz shows like Jeopardy, I find that I still remember a great deal about European history.

"Although I cannot play a note of music, I have a large collection of recordings. Mr. Bob Fick taught the Music Appreciation Class that I had to take to fulfill the Liberal Arts requirements for graduation. I will always be grateful for him for giving me a better understanding of music and an appreciation for all types of music."

L.F. Jackson graduated from East Central twenty-two years ago, but he continues to remember the two years he spent here as a time when he learned a great deal that helped to enrich his life and prepare him academically for the future.

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event, or project, or anything tangible. Rather, it has been the ongoing success I have achieved in winning the good will of students."

Chairman of the deacons at his church and a Sunday School teacher, Hines is also active politically. He has worked for local candidates (for both parties) and was a delegate to the Cobb County Republican Convention in 1988.

He is the champion of the portfolio method of teaching composition. In the portfolio approach, the goal of each student is to build a body of writing. Students are encouraged not just to write papers, but to write period.

"The idea," he said, "is to write enough papers so that student and teacher together can 'find' the student's best writing."

His influence on students is perhaps best measured by listening to those who've gone on to college where they discover they've been well schooled in English and writing.

"Roger Hines," many say, "is the best there is."

Marion Chiles Selected National Ruritan President

Marion Chiles, a 1950 graduate of East Central Junior College, was recently chosen as Ruritan National President for 1990. Ruritan is regarded as America's Leading Community Service Organization. Chiles, who resides in Knoxville, Tennessee was elected the association's 59th president during the National Convention held January 18-20, 1990 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Chiles was reared on a farm in rural Mississippi and attended school in his community through the eighth grade. He later rode a bus to Noxapater High School where he graduated in 1948. While in high school, he was senior class president, member of Future Farmers of America, served as a representative to Boys' State, and was considered a math "whiz" according to his classmates. He not only tutored his classmates with their math assignments but he also helped his math teacher with difficult problems!

After graduating from high school, Chiles attended ECJC for two years and later transferred to Mississippi State University where he was an education major.

He became discouraged with the teaching curriculum and dropped out of school for a semester.

Returning to MSU the next fall he changed to the Science School and majored in physics and math, which he found to be has calling for his life's work. Chiles said he has always enjoyed a challenge in his endeavors and math and physics have served that purpose for him. He graduated from MSU in 1953 and has taken additional graduate at the University of Tennessee.

Chiles worked his way through college by raising cotton, checking cotton allotments and working in the timber business in Mississippi. He also worked in the wheat harvest in South Dakota for two summers while in college and during his junior and senior years, he worked in the MSU cafeteria where he received meals for his work.

After graduating from Mississippi State, he took a position as an electron tube Development Engineer with RCA in Lancaster, PA. While working with RCA he was drafted into the Army, serving two years. After his Army discharge he again worked with RCA, but started pursuing the possibilities of working in the nuclear field in Oak Ridge, TN. He came to work for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a physicist in February 1957 and has worked in the Research and Development of Radiation Detectors in the Instrumentation and Controls Division for 33 years. In the past 33 years, he has been author and co-author of numerous articles, papers and reports published in International Scientific Publications. He has presented many technical reports of scientific symposia and seminars.

Chiles also has several patents pending from his research and development. His employer at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory is now Martin Marietta Engery Systems, Inc. which operates the Oak Ridge facilities for the Department of Energy.

It was in Oak Ridge in the summer of 1957 when Chiles met his wife, Jean, who had just graduated from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, TN and had come to Oak Ridge to work. They were married about a year later and lived in the city of Oak Ridge for seven years before moving to the Farragut Community in West Knox County. The Chiles have one son, Kendall, who is a 1988 graduate of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Kendall is a nature photographer.

The Farragut Community was quite rural when the Chiles moved there in early 1965. The Farragut Ruritan Club was formed in 1966 by Ralph Moore and Chiles served as a charter member and the club's second president.

In 1974 when he became District Governor, Chiles was home in bed with the flu on the day of the District Convention. He was telephoned about accepting the office of District Governor and got up from the bed, dressed and his wife drove him about 60 miles to Newport, TN where he was installed as District Governor by then National Director Jerry Ellis, who later served as National President.

Chiles has served on eight Ruritan National Committees and three times has served as Chairman. He also served on the National Board of Directors, as Chaplain of the National Board, Parliamentarian of the National Board and the 1986 National Convention, DRM winner and National Vice President.

He is also active in church activities and has served as deacon, elder, session clerk, Sunday School teacher and has been active in various committees and in the New Life Ministry.

Chiles has served his community as Chairman of Schools Advisory Committee for two years; member of precinct Executive Committee serving as Chairman for two years; and served as Officer of the Election and other capacities several times.

Marion Chiles

Heart Transplant Provides Madison 'New Lease On Life'

(Note: The following article was written by Neshoba Democrat Staff writer Debbie Myers and appeared in the September 27, 1989 issue of the Philadelphia weekly newspaper).

With his "new lease on life," Kellis Madison feels the need to inform people of the life-saving importance of the organ donor program.

The Neshoba County native received a heart transplant last July which was performed at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham.

Prior to being told that a heart transplant was his only hope for life, Madison had never thought about becoming an organ donor, much less an organ recipient.

"We are all aware of the need for blood, but most of us are not aware that signing your name on the back of your driver's license is all you do to become an organ donor," Madison said.

"By donating your heart or some other vital organ, you are giving someone the gift of life," Madison said.

"This is a decision that a family needs to make. It is a decision that should be thought about and made before tragedy happens. Because when tragedy strikes, your focus is really not on the organ donor program."

As a result of his transplant, the organ donor program is an openly discussed subject with Madison's family and friends.

Madison suffered a heart attack on Christmas morning, 1986, "just about the time Santa Claus was to come," he said.

Following the heart attack he underwent surgery at the University

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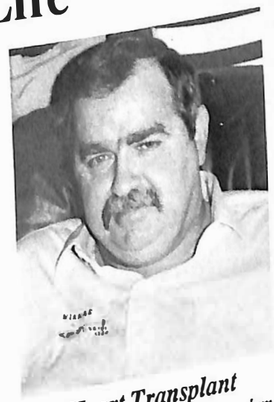


Heart Transplant

East Central Junior College alumnus Kellis Madison of Brandon who continues to improve following a heart transplant performed last year in Alabama. (Photo courtesy The Neshoba Democrat).

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOMECOMING 1989

EC Homecoming Honorees

These East Central Community College Alumni were honored during Homecoming activities and received special recognition during the annual awards luncehon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. From left are carpentry and cabinetmaking teacher Larry Blackburn, named Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor; math teacher Joe Clark, Outstanding Academic Instructor; East Central President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Alumnus of the Year; and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Earl Marshall of Clinton, Lamar Blount of Decatur and Arno Vincent of Meridian. Not pictured is Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell, staff psychiatrist at Mississippi State Hospital in Whitfield, who was selected Alumna of the Year. Because of a prior commitment, Dr. Bell was unable to attend the Homecoming festivities which were held October 14.

EC Homecoming Court

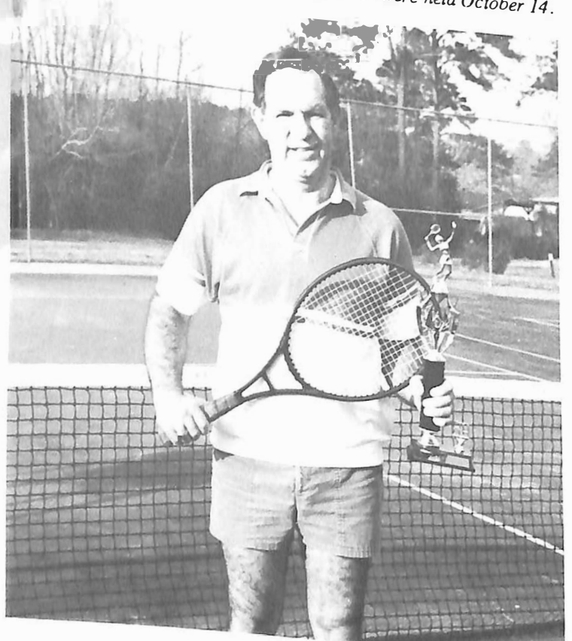
Members of the East Central Community College Homecoming Court, presented during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors' football game with Pearl River Community College on October 14, included, seated from left, freshman maids Sonya Stokes, Carthage; Dana Killen, Neshoba Central; Randy Baugh, Morton; Queen Tuttie Edwards, Jonesboro-Hodge High School, Jonesboro, Louisiana; Maid of Honor Kimberly Hobby, Winston Academy; and sophomore maids Kim Alford and Leigh Ann Goolsby, both of Carthage; and Heather Weidler, Decatur. Standing from left, escorts Randy Stokes, Carthage; Brian Killen, Neshoba Central; Richie Grant, Morton; Charlie Donnerson, Gosnell High School, Gosnell, Arkansas; Chris Platt, Grawood Christian Academy, Keithville, Louisiana; Keith Schexnayder, Jr., Robert E. Lee High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Brian Waddell, Philadelphia; and Eric Davis, Chatham High School, Chatham, New York.

EC's 1939 State Football Champs!

Members of the 1939 East Central Community College football team, the only EC squad to win a state title on the gridiron, held its 50th reunion as part of the college's annual Homecoming activities which took place Saturday, October 14. For many of the former players, it was the first time they had seen each other since those junior college days on the Decatur campus. Team members who attended the reunion, their place of residence and position on the championship squad, included, seated from left, Jack Langford, Columbus (blocking back); Lamar Blount, Decatur (tailback); Dilton Richmond, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (end); Falco Corrazza, McKeesport, PA (halfback); Burris O. Smith, Louisville (end); Albert C. Parkes, Marianna, AR (right end); standing, from left, James White, Meridian (manager); Spurgeon Mason, Newton (tackle); Garland Massey, Meridian (guard); Paul Howle, Union (guard); Roland Loper, Hattiesburg (guard); and Shields Sims, Columbus (center). The group was also recognized during the awards luncheon and each member received a plaque commemorating the team's accomplishment.

1939 EC Class Has Reunion

These members of the 1939 graduating class of East Central Community College held their 50th class reunion during Homecoming activities which took place October 14 on the Decatur campus. The group also received special recognition during the annual awards luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Attending were, first row, from left, Bernard Walton and Rachel (Moore) Walton, Hattiesburg; Nellie Mae (Addy) Brooks, Atlanta, Georgia; Grace (Rawson) Burkett, Carthage; Christine (Riser) Duncan, Pearl; Ruth (Herring) Green, Leakesville; Mary Ruth (Weems) Crosby, Forest; Armour Idom, Jackson; second row, from left, Mattie B. (Barham) Jones, Decatur; Maud (Massey) Blount, Pearl; Sarah (Blocker) Beard, Carthage; Elaine (Johnson) Barnette, Vaiden; Marvin Blanks, Magnolia; Arlease (Lewis) Young and Dan Young, Rose Hill; Mabel Palmer, New Orleans; third row, from left, Grafton Barnes, Rosedale; Gordon Jackson, Philadelphia; Lamar Johnson, Clinton; Wayne Stone, Kosciusko; Cecil Whittington, Collins; Loutrelle Stribling, Carthage; and Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville.



Tennis Winner

Raymond McMullan won the singles title in the annual tennis tournament. McMullan, shown above, is the college's director of admissions, records and research. Kerry Winstead of Union and Wes Knight of Philadelphia captured the doubles title. In golf action, Carl Lee Hollingsworth of Decatur won top honors.

Homecoming Well Attended

A large crowd was in attendance during the Homecoming luncheon, as shown above.

Blounts Have Largest Group Represented

The Blount family won the award for having the most family members in attendance during the Homecoming luncheon. Pictured are, from left, Ken Blount and Jennifer Blount with parents Joe and Rasalie Blount; Lamar and Naomi Blount; Colby Mayo and mother Lynn Blount Mayo; Jackie Blount Wilcox and husband Dr. Paul Wilcox.

Traveled Furtherest Distance

Mrs. Corrine Cross McJilton won the award for traveling the furtherest distance to attend Homecoming activities. Mrs. McJilton resides in Huntington Beach California.

Taylors Assume Active Roles As Community, Church Leaders

Probably no other couple is more involved in civic, community and church activities than George and Jo Taylor of Forest who are both 1967 graduates of East Central Junior College.

Last fall the Forest Chamber of Commerce named George as its 1989 "Citizen of the Year" and presented the Farmers and Merchants Bank president with a plaque of appreciation for his involvement and leadership in numerous areas. George and Jo served as grand marshalls of the Forest Christmas Parade and were honored with a reception held at the Forest Community Center.

George is past president of the Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Forest Rotary Club, a member of the board of directors of Forest Community Arts, Inc., and past president of the Scott County Mississippi State University Alumni Association. He served three years as a Cub Scout Master.

He is an active member of Forest Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon and Sunday School teacher, and a member of the Forest Municipal School District Board of Trustees for seven years, is currently serving as president of the Mississippi School Boards Association.

She is past president of the Mid-Century Federated Women's Club, past Girl Scout Neighborhood Chairman (4 years), past Girl Scout Leader (5 years), and she has served as Cub Scout Den Mother for two years. She also serves as secretary for Forest Band Boosters.

Jo is also active in church activities and serves as Sunday School teacher, Bible Drill leader and Acteen Director.

George and Jo (the former Jo McMullan) are Decatur natives and are both graduates of Decatur High School and Mississippi State University.

George is also a graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Banking of the South.

He completed further professional education at the National Commercial Lending School and is a graduate of the National School of Bank Investments and Funds Management.

In 1969-70, he underwent U.S. Air Force undergraduate pilot training and served from 1970-75 as a tactical pilot in the Mississippi Air National Guard.

His career in banking began in 1971 when he served as an assistant National Bank Examiner. In late 1971, he joined First Mississippi National Bank in Hattiesburg in the management program. He later progressed to assistant vice president and later vice president of FMNB.

In 1975, George joined Farmers and Merchants Bank in Forest as senior vice president. In 1980, he was promoted to executive vice president.

Taylor was named president of F&M in November 1984 and joined the bank's board of directors at that time. He also serves as president and director of Forest Bancorp, F&M's holding corporation, and is chairman of the board of directors of Forest Financial Services.

George and Jo have three children: Susan, Stephanie and Jonathan.

Jo and George Taylor

Jo and George Taylor of Forest, who served as grand marshalls of the 1989 Forest Christmas Parade. The two Decatur natives and East Central Junior College graduates are involved in numerous civic, community and church activities.

Heart Transplant

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of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham and was told his chances of surviving were less than five percent.

After the surgery, Madison said he knew that at some point in time, he would have to deal with the probability of a heart transplant.

"I was told my heart would just further deteriorate," he said.

After a routine clinic visit at UAB, in early 1989, Madison learned he was suffering from tachycardia.

"My heart was beating real fast, out of rhythm. I was admitted to the hospital and underwent tests for transplantation. The transplant decision was made and I went on the active waiting list the first week in May," he said.

Madison stayed on the waiting list until July 7, when he received the call to come to Birmingham. He had the transplant that night.

"I had only been on the waiting list for about nine weeks, a short period of time," he said. "I was very fortunate to not have to wait any longer."

Madison said his blood and tissue types and other pertinent information on he were stored in a computer to be matched up with a donor heart when one became available.

"You are really a number in a computer. Until the donor heart becomes available and they have all of its information, they really don't make a decision until the last moment as to which patient gets the heart. They give the heart to the one that is best matched, the one that has the best chance of succeeding -- regardless, really, as to how long you have been waiting. I think I was number 174 at UAB," Madison said.

Madison said there are far more patients needing organ transplants than there are donors.

"The demand is greater than the supply," he said.

"Everyone should give consideration to becoming a donor. I can't think of anything you could do to help a family out any more."

He returned to Mississippi and his home in Brandon on September 15, 1989, 10 weeks after the transplant.

Madison, who practices law in Pearl and is the city prosecutor there, is a 1960 graduate of Neshoba Central High School and a graduate of East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He and his wife, the former Patricia Hill of Neshoba County, have three children: Jarrod, Lee Ann, and Melissa.

McWhorter Wins Top Award

The Agricultural Research Service Division of the United States Department of Agriculture recently awarded its highest scientific honor, "Distinguished Scientist of the Year," to Dr. Chester G. McWhorter. Dr. McWhorter is a native of Decatur and graduated from East Central Junior College in 1948. At present he is plant physiologist at the USDA's Southern Weed Science Laboratory in Stoneville, Mississippi.

The honor includes $5,000 in cash and $40,000 in research support.

R. Dean Plowman, administrator of the federal agency, in making the presentation said, "Weed control research that Dr. McWhorter originated is used each year on tens of millions of acres of crops in the United States."

"McWhorter pioneered the use of additives to boost herbicide effectiveness and safety," he adds. "He also developed new ways to apply weed chemicals and to properly time those applications."

"His recent studies showed that applying herbicides in oil rather than water covered as much as five times more leaf area and required less spray solution."

Two years ago McWhorter stepped down as chief of the laboratory at Stoneville and returned to his first love: conducting weed control research.

McWhorter, who joined the Agricultural Research Service in the mid-1950's, is the ninth recipient of ARS's highest achievement award.

Among his premier achievements, McWhorter pioneered the discovery that substances called surfactants help break down weeds' tough natural barriers to herbicides.

Surfactants changed the ground rules for herbicide application. Now the chemicals could be applied in far smaller amounts, with less frequency, and using different methods. For instance, diuron, originally a solid-applied herbicide, could for the first time be applied to weed leaf surfaces for selective weed control.

A second McWhorter discovery paved the way for higher yields and easier harvesting of soybeans. he found that dinitroaniline herbicides work to selectively control johnsongrass from both rhizomes and seed in soybeans after two years of continuous use.

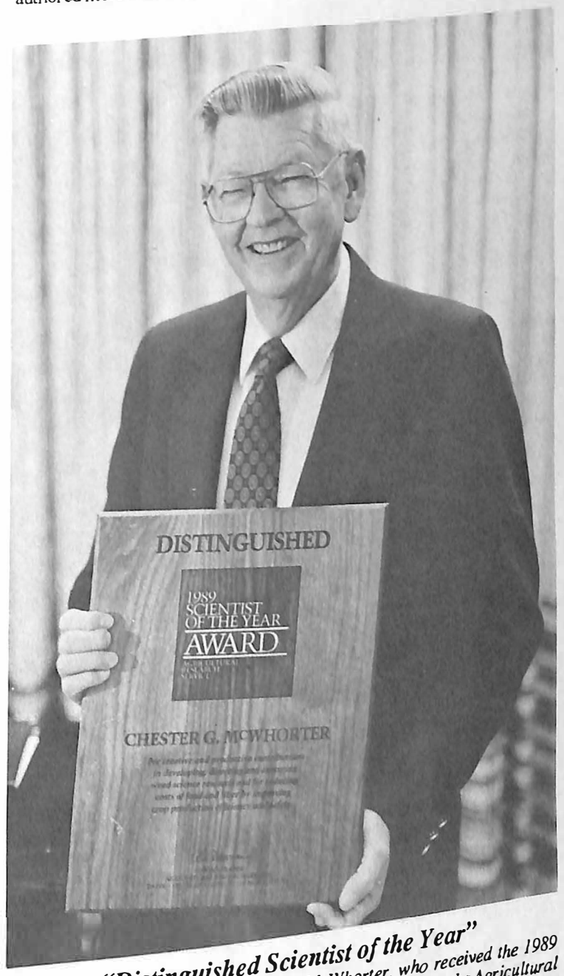
He had identified the most vulnerable stages of johnsongrass for weed control, an effort which has furthered knowledge of basic biology. In addition, his national research leadership has helped develop the most effective forms of weed control in soybeans.

McWhorter also added several inventions to weed-fighting weaponry: the recirculating sprayer, application of herbicides in foam and in wax bars to weeds in crops, subsurface application of herbicides with a blade device, and soil-injection of herbicides.

McWhorter's extensive travel son behalf of weed science have taken him around the world, from Austria to Australia, from Japan to Chile. He served as leader of a three-man ARS team to universities, research centers, and industries of several European countries to identify new opportunities for cooperative research. By invitation of the Iraq government, McWhorter presented a series of lectures on agricultural research needs. He has been an official delegate to the People's Republic of China to exchange information on soybeans.

A prolific writer, McWhorter has authored more than 200 publications for scholarly and popular audiences in the United States and abroad. He has also contributed leadership to the Weed Society of America; the Southern Weed Science Society; and the Council for Agriculture, Science and Technology.

In the early fifties, a two-week temporary job assignment introduced the native Mississippian to what was to become his life's calling, weed science. His college studies began at East Central Junior College and continued at Mississippi State University, where he received undergraduate and graduate degrees in agronomy. McWhorter also holds a doctorate in botany from Louisiana State University.



"Distinguished Scientist of the Year"

East Central alumnus Dr. Chester McWhorter, who received the 1989 "Distinguished Scientist of the Year" award as presented by the Agricultural Research Service Division of the United States Department of Agriculture. Dr. McWhorter, plant physiologist at the USDA's Southern Weed Science Laboratory in Stoneville, is a native of Decatur.

East Central Alumnus Joins Board for Two-Year Colleges

East Central Junior College alumnus Paul V. Breazeale, a certified public accountant with Breazeale, Saunders and O'Neill, Ltd. of Jackson is a recent addition to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. The 10-member board, based in Jackson, sets policies for the state's 15 community and junior college districts.

Breazeale is a co-founder and stockholder in the CPA firm which has offices in Jackson, Laurel and Newton.

He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and East Central Junior College where he received an A.A. degree in 1965. He received a B.S. degree in accounting from Mississippi State University where he also earned his M.B.A., graduating cum laude.

Breazeale has over 20 years experience in the accounting field. Before co-founding Breazeale, Saunders and O'Neill, Ltd. in 1981, he served as audit manager with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company from 1970-1981 and was cost accounting supervisor for U.S. Electrical Motors during 1968-69.

He also serves as an instructor, having served as an adjunct professor for Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi and Jackson State University. He has served as a CPA review course instructor for Millsaps College and has taught American Institute of Certified Public Accountants staff training courses. He is a frequent speaker on consulting, auditing and accounting subjects.

Breazeale is a member of various professional and business activities including Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants (past presi-

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Martha Cleveland Selected Forest 'Teacher of the Year'

Martha Cleveland

The thought of spending seven hours a day with a roomful of six-year-olds might be frightening for most people, but for Forest first grade teacher Martha Cleveland such time is merely a pleasure.

"I usually get up and approach the day enthusiastically," the 1990 nominee for Mississippi's Outstanding Teacher said recently. Selected to represent the Forest Municipal School District, she added, "And if I'm not enthusiastic when I get to school, the enthusiasm of the children soon wears off on me and before I know it I'm laughing with them."

A graduate of Decatur High School, Martha is the wife of Pat Cleveland, Director of Curriculum

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for the Social Security Rehabilitation Office in Jackson. The couple first began dating while students at East Central and was married during the spring of their college graduation. They are parents of two children, Patrick, a student at Forest High, and Melanie, who is enrolled at Hawkins Middle School.

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A member of Forest United Methodist Church, Martha is secretary of the Administrative Board. She is also a member of the Mississippi Association of Educators and Forest PTA.

In addition to the Associate of Arts from East Central, Martha also holds the Bachelor of Arts from the University of Southern Mississippi and the Master of Education from Mississippi State University. She has done additional course work at Jackson State University through the National Science Foundation.

Before beginning her tenure as a first grade teacher in the Forest School System, she taught for one year at Conehatta Boarding School and for three years at Decatur Elementary School. She has been teaching at Forest Elementary School since 1974.

While teaching, Martha has found time to become qualified as an Evaluator for the Mississippi Teacher Assessment Program, and has served on the Five-Year Plan for School Improvement. During the 1988-89 school year she was a chairman of the Annual Staff Development Committee. She is currently serving as a member of the Forest Public Library Advisory Board.

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The Forest nominee was selected on the basis of "her outstanding contributions to the Forest Separate School District, her great love of teaching and of children, and her dedication to the pursuit of excellence in education," said Supt. Richard Hill.

Martha is the daughter of Tommie and Malvin Moulds of the Conehatta community in Newton County. Her family still spends a great deal of time at the Moulds' farm where they share a vegetable garden with Martha's parents during the summer. Young Patrick said he especially enjoys hunting and riding horses with relatives and friends in the Newton County community where his mother was reared.

"My family has always been very close," she said. "I think that it is one thing children who are brought up in the cities miss. Hopefully, my children will always have fond memories of going to Conehatta and doing things with members of three generations of my family."

Martha's spare time, which she finds increasingly rare, is spent enjoying crafts. She especially enjoys working with wood crafts, not only making them but decorating them and giving them to friends.

Martha said she has fond memories of her years at East Central. Although she never lived on campus, she was involved in a number of campus activities. She reminisces that some of her best friends are those she made while she was a student at East Central.

"I definitely recommend East Central as a great place to attend college. I certainly feel the education I received there has been most beneficial as I continued my studies in becoming a teacher," she said.

EC Alumnus Joins

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dent), Jackson Chapter of National Association of Accountants (past president), Central Chapter of Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants (past president), American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Central Chapter, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Council (past member), American Institute of Certified Public Accountants State Legislative and MAP Committees (past member), American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Distinguished Professor Staff, Mississippi Economic Council Board of Directors of Taxation Committee Chairman (past member), Jackson Metropolitan YMCA (past president), Jackson Exchange Club (past president), Jackson's Christian Business Committee (past president), Mississippi Baptist Foundation (past president),

Paul V. Breazeale

and currently as president of Leadership Mississippi Association. He serves as a deacon and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church of Jackson.

Breazeale is married, has two children and resides in Jackson.

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Becky Champion, EC Alumna, Named Laird's 'Employee of Year'

Becky Laird Champion, quality assurance director and assistant director of nursing at Laird Hospital was named the Union hospital's "Employee of the Year" for 1989. A Registered Nurse, Becky has been employed at Laird's for 13 years.

She is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School and attended East Central Junior College before enrolling in Matty Hersee School of Nursing in Meridian. She also attended Meridian Junior College.

At Laird's, Becky has served in almost every capacity available to a nurse.

"I have been in ER, a floater, floor duty and surgery. Every day brings new challenges and rewards. The strain of my often erratic schedule has been cushioned by the calm support and understanding of my husband (Danny) who quickly accepts night calls and frantic rides to meet the ambulance, as a necessary part of life. He also excels as baby sitter and short order cook," she said.

Becky, who began working at Laird's as a nurse's aide, said she knew she wanted to become a nurse following her graduation from high school.

"Dr. Earl Laird wrote a letter of recommendation to Mrs. Myrtle Estes, Director of Matty Hersee School of Nursing. He referred to the fact that I like people and that the Lairds are known for being hard workers. When I returned to work years later when my child was 2-1/2 weeks old he reminded me of this," she reminisced.

Becky said Mary Lowe, "a kind, understanding and dedicated nurse and lady," first hired her at Laird's and the association with her "was no small factor in my maturing as a professional."

The Champions have two children: daughter Sasya and son Daniel.

Becky, daughter of James and Pauline Laird, said she is definitely a "family person."

"Mine is a close knit and caring family. I can honestly say that parents, siblings and grandparents always made me feel that I was a special person loved by all, the ability to do whatever I might undertake but not exempt from strong values, courtesy to others, and the development of a strong work ethic."

Becky said she loves doing the "simple" things that make life worthwhile, like "playing a game of checkers with my children, bike riding and making favorite food for my loved ones."

"I love, value and respect old people. Some simple rewards are my greatest - hearing Owen Keen laugh, watching Geraldine Campbell leave the hospital after a long serious illness and reading Ovid Vickers' articles in *The Union Appeal* give me the most satisfaction."

Being selected "Employee of the Year" is a very "humbling" experience, she said.

Becky Champion

"I shall always cherish the honor and try to be worthy of it and the confidence placed in me. I look forward to continue working with my fellow staff members in making Laird's an even greater hospital and place in which to work," she said.

Tadlock Selected 'Young Careerist'

Sandy Brantley Tadlock was recently chosen to represent the Forest Business and Professional Women's Club in the State Young Careerist Competition which was held March 16-18 in Jackson.

During the state competition, contestants were interviewed by a team of judges and asked questions concerning career goals, current events, legislative issues and the role of women in today's world. Each contestant also delivered a speech.

Sandy Tadlock

Sandy selected the topic, "Today's Woman - Multiple Roles."

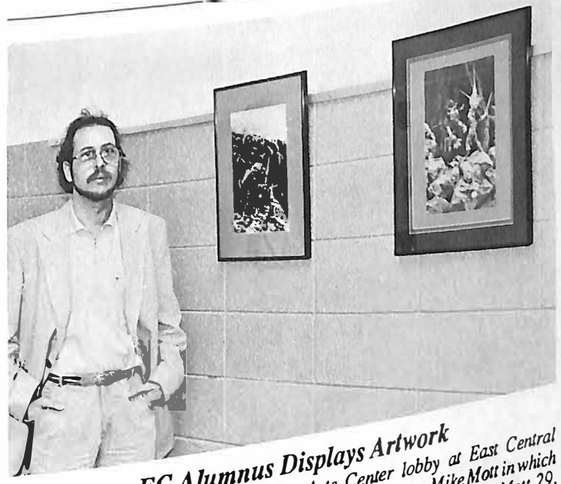
Sandy is a graduate of South Leake Attendance Center and East Central Junior College where she received a degree in Cosmetology. She also received advanced training at Jackson Barber College.

Sandy is the owner-manager of Styles by Sandy in Forest and has won a number of awards in hair styling competition.

She is vice president of Tadlock Stockyard, Inc. and also serves as auctioneer clerk and chairperson of advertising. She owns and oversees a herd of 35 cows which increases each year.

Sandy is a member of Forest Business and Professional Club, LaPetit Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce, National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association and Forest United Methodist Church. She does volunteer work in the field of cosmetology for the sick and at funeral homes. She also helps with fund raising for a number of organizations include the Heart Association and Cancer Society.

Sandy is married to David Tadlock, also an ECJC alumnus, and they have a two-year-old daughter, Greggina.



EC Alumnus Displays Artwork

Recently on display in the Fine Arts Center lobby at East Central Community College in Decatur was artwork by alumnus Mike Mott in which a new medium - PSP Images - was illustrated by the Decatur native. Mott, 29, is shown above with just two of his many graphic illustrations which feature science fiction/fantasy themes. The freelance artist and graphic designer will present his illustrations next fall at the Park Avenue Atrium of Olympia and York in New York City. His show is entitled: "In Dreams Awake: Art of Fantasy." Mott, son of William R. and Betty J. Mott of Decatur, is a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Junior College and Mississippi State University where he received a bachelors of art degree in commercial art. At MSU, Mott graduated cum laude with a 3.51 grade point average. He is a member of ASFA, the Association of Science Fiction Artists.

Do You Recognize These Former EC Students?

Can you identify these students who in 1959 had a coffee drinking contest in the East Central Student Center? For an identification, turn upside down.

From left to right, Bob Baker of Philadelphia and Tuscon, Arizona; Jimmy Wilkerson of Forest and Jackson; Keith Hudson of Louisville; Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, now Chairman of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees; Henry Allman of Louisville and Winona; Bob Yarbrough of Louisville and Chester Sawyer of Forest.

ECCC Receives $5000 Contribution To Huff Project

East Central Community College recently received a $5000 contribution from two outstanding alumni with proceeds earmarked for the ongoing Huff Auditorium refurbishing project, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Dr. Smith said the sizeable donation was made by Dr. Joseph C. Todd of Cincinnati, Ohio and his sister, Mrs. Jane Todd Gurry of Raleigh, North Carolina. Their father, the late Dr. Lindsey O. Todd, served as East Central President from 1934-53. Mrs. Todd resides in Meridian.

Mrs. Gurry, a priest at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, graduated from East Central in 1951. Dr. Todd, and open-heart surgeon, was a member of the Warrior football team graduated in 1953. Both were honor students and attended EC during their father's tenure at the college.

Dr. Smith said phase two of the refurbishing project is "well underway" with funds designated to purchase an air-conditioning system for 37-year-old structure. The initial phase of the fund-raising project concerned the installation of new stage curtains and window drapes which was completed at a cost of approximately $10,000. To install the proposed air conditioning system is estimated to cost about $70,000.

The auditorium is named for the late J. Knox Huff, an attorney from Forest who served as Board of Trustees member for 23 years. Huff served as Board Chairman from 1948 through 1952.

Dr. Smith said tax deductible contributions can be sent to East Central Community College Development Foundation, Inc., Office of the President, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327.

Longtime Educator Dies In Philadelphia

Services were held October 25, 1989 in Philadelphia for longtime educator Leo Wilson Salter who died October 24, 1989 at the Neshoba County Nursing Home following an extended illness. He was 75. Burial was in Cedarlawn Cemetery. McClain-Hays Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

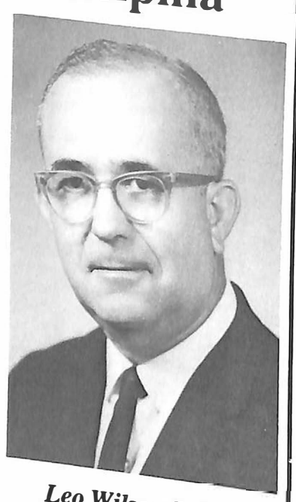
Mr. Salter, who served for 34 years as a public school administrator and vocational-agricultural teacher at Neshoba Central High School, had retired in 1972 as principal.

A native of Neshoba County, Mr. Salter was a graduate of East Central Junior College and Mississippi State University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. He completed further post-graduate studies at Louisiana State University.

He served in the U.S. Army, in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II, and was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in northern France in 1945.

He held membership in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mississippi Association of Educators, Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Mississippi Farm Bureau, Neshoba County Retired Teachers' Association and Masonic Lodge. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alline H. Salter, Philadelphia; two daughters, Sharon Pratt, Bailey, and Sheila Klimetz, Memphis; a son, Sidney L. Salter, Forest; his mother, Mrs. John C. Salter, Philadelphia; three sisters, Mavis Tingle, Philadelphia, Nell Carter, Belzoni, and Eunice Turner, Eupora; a brother, Claude J. Salter, also of Philadelphia; and four grandchildren.



Leo Wilson Salter

The family requested that memorials be made to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 4857, Jackson, MS 39206; The Mississippi Press Association Scholarship Fund, 351 Edgewood Terrace, Jackson, MS 39206; or the Mississippi Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4537 Office Park Drive, Jackson, MS 39206.

EC Valedictorian Succumbs From Cancer

Services were held January 6, 1990 for Mrs. Marian Eevon Fulton, 32, a Meridian homemaker who died of cancer January 5, 1990 at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Wilcox Funeral Home of Carthage was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Standing Pine Cemetery in Leake County.

Mrs. Fulton, a Leake County native, had lived in Meridian a number of years. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church.

She was valedictorian at Leake Academy and East Central Junior College, where she was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1977. She also graduated with highest honors from Belhaven College.

"She was a marvelous person," said her husband, Carl. "She was the most artistic person. She could take anything in the world and make something beautiful out of it. She could paint. She just had a very creative imagination."

Carl said he met his future wife at Leake Academy when he did a six-week stint as a substitute English teacher.

"She was in my senior English class I taught for six weeks. I finished teaching on a Friday and after school asked her out for Saturday night," he said. The two were married when Mrs. Fulton attended Belhaven.

"She was real bright and lit up everybody's life around her," he said.

Mrs. Fulton was also an antique buff, her husband said. "We seldom passed an antique store without stopping."

"If I could just say one thing about her, I'd say she was the most devoted mother. She was quite adept at taking care of her family," he said.

Cancer Claims Alumna Mary Jane Scarbrough

Services were held December 26, 1989 at First Baptist Church is Starkville for Mrs. Mary Jane Richardson Scarbrough, 49, a retired school teacher and East Central Junior College alumna, who died of cancer December 24, 1989 at her home. Burial was in Memorial Gardens in Carthage with Welch Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The following information was written by *Clarion-Ledger* staff writer Evelyn Smith and appeared in the December 25, 1989 issue:

Mrs. Scarbrough was a native of Philadelphia. She had lived in Starkville since 1974. She was a graduate of East Central Junior College and received her masters degree at Mississippi College. She taught English and French at

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'Miss B' was the BSU for 24 Years

Throughout her high school and college years, Gladys Bryant planned to devote her life to the foreign mission field. She had known of Baptist work in foreign missions since she was a little girl and read stories about the work of foreign missionaries in church publications that came to her father who was a greatly revered Baptist minister in the Hattiesburg area of South Mississippi.

Gladys graduated from Mozelle High School, spent two years at Clarke College, and graduated from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary intending to become a missionary. But, as she says, "The Lord had other things he wanted me to do."

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When she applied for a position on the mission field, Gladys was told that the church did not have an opening in missions at that time but would like for her to take a position in the Mississippi Baptist Training Union Department. After working for three years and traveling all over the state as a field worker for the Training Union Department, Gladys Bryant accepted a job as Director of the Baptist Student Union at East Central Junior College.

Although she had been interviewed by a committee from the Clarke Venable Baptist Church earlier in the year, Gladys did not definitely decide to come to Decatur until the Christmas season of 1951. Still disappointed because health problems prevented her from accepting an appointment in the foreign mission field, she realized during the holidays that student work would, after all, offer her many of the challenges and afford her most of the opportunities that she would have experienced in mission work. She therefore called the church in Decatur, and on January 1, 1951, she became Director of the BSU at East Central.

For the next five years, Miss "B", as the students fondly called, her, occupied an office above the student center and met with the BSU for social and religious activities in a small room known as the Little Assembly Room, located three doors from her office. Within a short time, Miss "B" had built the East Central BSU into an active and dedicated organization of Christian students. The BSU, although primarily a Baptist organization, welcomed students of any faith to worship at Noonday Devotion, prayer meetings, and other activities.

Word of the success that Miss Bryant was having with the BSU at East Central spread throughout Baptist circles, and in 1956, the Baptist Church in Fulton, Mississippi, called to offer her the position as BSU Director at Itawamba Junior College. Being moved to accept the call, Gladys spent the next six and a half years building a very active BSU organization on the Itawamba campus.

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In 1962, feeling that her work at Itawamba was complete, Gladys returned to East Central to serve again as BSU Director, this time for twenty-four years. In June of 1986, after devoting approximately thirty-nine years to work with young people across the State of Mississippi, Gladys Bryant retired.

During her years at East Central, she saw a host of young men, including Olen Noll, Ron Myers, Terry Wilkerson, Frank Taylor, and "Bud" Winstead, enter the ministry. Other students who were active in BSU decided to devote their lives to religious education or church music.

In 1966, through the generosity of the churches which support it. the East Central BSU acquired the Smith home across the street from the campus and remodeled the building into a functional BSU Center.

Believing always that BSU work did not stop just because the school year had ended, Gladys encouraged interested young people to spend their summers in the mission field, and the BSU worked diligently to support those who chose to work in summer missions. She also encourages students to attend state and regional meetings, and students could be seen from time to time loading the BSU van for a trip to Baptist Conference Centers at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and Glorietta, New Mexico, or the seminaries in New Orleans or Fort Worth, or to the National Missions Conference at Opry Land in Nashville, Tennessee.

Gladys Bryant

Recently Miss "B" began a new chapter in her life. She left Newton County to occupy an apartment in Wesley Manor Complex in Hattiesburg. For Gladys, Forrest County means home and family.

A great lady, a dedicated Christian, and a true friend to students has been among us for many years. It will not take her new neighbors long to realize that Gladys Bryant is a person well worth knowing.

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Cancer Claims Alumna

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Carthage High School.

"After we started our family, she didn't teach, but she really liked it," said her husband, Thomas Scarbrough (a recruiter for Mississippi State University).

She helped to establish the Children's Cancer fund at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and was an active board member for 11 years.

Mrs. Scarbrough started the fund after a friend's daughter died of cancer.

"Jane started to get contributions for the fund at Derby Day, and it just grew from that," her husband said.

Fraternities and sororities at Mississippi State University helped to get the fund started at Derby Day, a day of games and fund raising events at the Starkville university.

Patricia Gaines, Mrs. Scarbrough's friend of 20 years, said Mrs. Scarbrough was dedicated to the cancer fund.

"She was involved in the cancer fund long before she knew that she had cancer herself," Gaines said. "After she had had some treatment for cancer, she came to the medical center and did some counseling for kids with cancer."

Mrs. Scarbrough was a member of First Baptist Church and lifetime member of the Starkville Junior Auxiliary.

"She was very active in the church, from serving in the Sunday Schools to being an organist and pianist for other churches," her husband said.

"I guess she'll be most remembered for her gentleness, patience and caring for other people," Gaines said.

Other survivors include: daughters, Mary Dabney Scarbrough and Anne Elizabeth Scarbrough, both of Starkville; son, Thomas Stephen Scarbrough of Starkville; and brother, Danny Richardson of Amite, La.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Chapel Fund or the University of Mississippi Medical Center Children's Cancer Fund, 2500 N. State Street, Jackson, Miss. 39216.

Lead Warrior Club Fund-Raising

These East Central Community College officials and alumni recently met on the Decatur campus to discuss fund-raising efforts for the college's athletic programs. Those shown are just a few of the many individuals who have joined The Warrior Club in its first year of existence. Pictured are seated, from left, A. J. Kilpatrick, athletic coordinator-head football coach; Mrs. Patsy Dunigan Clark of Louisville, membership chairman; Miss Lucille Wood, president; Earl Marshall of Clinton, past president; Gary Risher of Forest, president-elect; Van Lucas of Newton, county representative; standing, from left, Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of students; Harry Moore of Union, county representative; Dr. H.C. McMillan of Carthage, county representative; Jerry Webb of Meridian, area representative; Joe Tadlock of Forest, county representative; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. Not shown are county representatives Sam Nowell of Philadelphia, W.A. "Al" Massey of Louisville, Lamar Blount of Decatur and Larry Payne of Jackson. Warrior Club members are encouraged to attend athletic events, purchase season tickets and raise funds from the membership in order to improve or upgrade athletic facilities and equipment. It was announced at the meeting that over $5000 has been raised in support of East Central athletics. All contributions are tax deductible and can be made payable to the East Central Community College Development Foundation, Inc. For further information please contact Miss Wood at East Central or the college's public information office.

Warrior Club Membership Divisions:

Super Chiefs, $1,000.00; Chiefs, $500.00; Super Braves, $250.00; Braves, $100.00; Young Braves, $50.00; Papoose, $25.00.

1989-90 Warrior Club Members:

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Earl Marshall - Clinton
UAD Laboratories, Inc. - Jackson

Super Braves

Jim Payne - Jackson
Larry Payne - Clinton
Billy Joe Watkins - Union
Jim Wood - Louisville

Braves

Billy S. Barnes - Alexandria, La.
Tom Burt - Pearl
Patsy Dunigan Clark - Louisville
Henry B. Crocker - Brandon
James L. Crosby - San Antonio, Texas
Dr. Keith Everett - Meridian
Homer Hunter - Decatur
Mike D. Land - Ridgeland
Sam Nowell - Philadelphia
Jimmy Rea - Jackson
Gary L. Risher - Forest
John Rushing, Jr. - Forest
Dr. Bert Thompson - Clinton
W. A. Vincent - Meridian
Lucille Wood - Decatur

Young Braves

Wyatt J. Davis - Laurel
Ide B. Dickens, Jr. - Carthage
Barbara Harrison - Little Rock
Colonel R. P. Howell, Jr. - Union
John D. Humphries - Jackson
Wilmer J. James - Jackson
A. J. Kilpatrick - Decatur
S. R. Marshall - Jackson
Wendell L. Marshall - Greenville
Dr. H. C. McMillan - Louisville
Billy Ray Smith - Clinton
Robert Vernon Smith - Ridgeland
Joe Tadlock - Forest

Papoose

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Kermit D. Carpenter - Forest
Joe Clark - Decatur
Shea Hailey - University, Miss.
Larry Henderson - Daphne, Alabama
Clyde Mills - Panama City, Florida
Dr. Eddie M. Smith - Decatur
Joe Henry Williams - Jackson

1990 Memberships as of March 21, 1990

Chiefs

Earl Marshall - Clinton

Braves

Lamar Blount - Decatur
Patsy Dunigan Clark - Louisville
Dr. H. C. McMillan - Carthage
Gary and Nelda Risher - Forest
Dr. Bert Thompson - Clinton
Lucille Wood - Decatur
Daniel E. (Moe) Yarbrough - Louisville

Young Braves

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Barbara Harrison - Little Rock
Jerry L. Hill - Louisville
H. B. "Bubba" Hudspeth - Louisville
A. J. Kilpatrick - Decatur
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Sam Nowell - Philadelphia
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Papoose

Wanda Elliott Nowell - Walnut
James Mayo - Louisville

Urges Alumni support for construction of track facility

At Age 89, Cliburn Continues Support, Love for East Central

Just mention "East Central Community College" to Board of Trustees member Lomer Cliburn of Union and watch a gleam come into his eyes.

Although he never attended East Central (he graduated from Mississippi College the same year - 1928 - the junior college was chartered) the former EC instructor and senior member of the college's governing body proudly considers himself one of the school's most loyal supporters.

Reasons for his loyalty are numerous.

He points with pride the college's increase in enrollment, high academic standards, well-respected administration, faculty, and staff and the many campus improvements that have occurred the past few years.

But one of the most significant events in his 89-year life happened on the EC campus before he was employed by the college when the then young brick layer-contractor-supervisor and his crew were completing the building of the college's Winston Hall dormitory.

"The inspiration to return to teaching as my remaining lifetime profession came to me while we were building Winston Hall. I just kept noticing all those students walking around campus, and I knew that teaching was what I was meant to do," Cliburn said.

He said when the job was almost completed, he called his crew together and told them the dormitory project would be "the last building I'll ever put up...you boys will have to find work elsewhere."

The decision to quit the construction business was a very difficult one to make, especially considering the fact that three of his brothers and one nephew were included in the work crew.

"It was a very tough decision to make but I knew when I saw those students on campus that the good Lord wanted me to teach."

Cliburn said he even turned down a lucrative business offer to become a partner in a thriving construction company.

He said he remembers telling his "almost" business partner the following:

"Your offer is wonderful. But every building we put up will either deteriorate or burn. On the other hand when I put something into the life of a young person, it can never be destroyed."

Prior to his arrival at East Central in 1955, Cliburn served as teacher, coach and/or administrator at Progress Boarding School of McLain in Greene County, his first assignment. He also taught at Leaf, Laurel Hill, Dixie, Lauderdale and Arlington. He was serving as superintendent at Arlington when he decided to come to East Central.

Cliburn said he still chuckles a little when mentioning his decision to teach, because he vividly remembers saying as a tenth grader, "I'll never teach as long as I live."

Those remarks, he recalled, were made after Linwood Principal Henry Blount had selected Cliburn and a sister to take an exam given in Philadelphia which would qualify them as teachers.

Cliburn passed the exam and said, "It's kinda funny. I guess I had to eat those words about never becoming a teacher!"

When he began this tenure at East Central, Cliburn, because of his extensive work experience, served three years as vocational coordinator before starting his classroom duties as psychology, educational growth and development, and sociology instructor.

Cliburn said he remembers the campus was in need of many repairs and "we did a lot of pipe laying, welding, renovating and even built several small buildings without costing the college anything but materials."

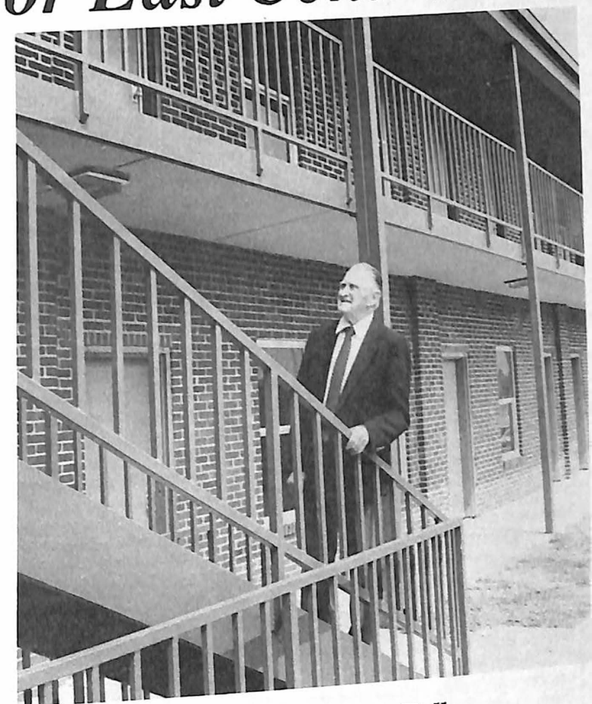
He said he also designed the rebuilding of the old gym which featured installation of railings and gave the facility "a new look."

After serving as vocational coordinator, Cliburn said then college president Mr. Arno Vincent offered him a teaching position which he "gladly" accepted.

"Teaching was what I wanted to do and I was so thankful for the opportunity. All my students were such an inspiration to me and I enjoyed them all. They made a greater contribution to my life than I did to theirs."

His teaching expertise did not go unnoticed as he was selected Teacher of the Year for 1967-68, his last year at East Central. He was also named to the teachers' edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

"The 1967-68 school year was the most enjoyable of all my teaching, even though I carried my largest student load," Cliburn said.



Building of Winston Hall

It was during the building of Winston Hall in 1946 by Cliburn and his work crew when he decided to leave the construction business and enter the teaching field. Cliburn returned to East Central in 1955 and reitred in 1968. At age 89, he is the eldest member of the college's Board of Trustees.

Besides educating young minds in the classroom, Cliburn has also been instrumental in the moral and religious aspects of instruction for young people.

Cliburn, who has served over 33 years on the Baptist Student Union's Executive Board and performed volunteer work along with his teaching duties, led efforts to purchase the facility where the current BSU Center is located. He supervised the rebuilding of the home while serving as vocational coordinator and led fund-raising efforts in purchasing a bus to assist then director Miss Gladys Bryant in transporting students to and from churches.

He first became active in BSU work when Miss Janie Sullivan served as sponsor.

"One of the earlier improvements we helped to make at the center was the installation of a hand rail on the left side of the steps. Well, the day after we installed the hand rail, I met Miss Sullivan, a wonderful teacher, but she would not speak to me. I asked her why she was angry and she said that for years she had gone up those steps with her books on her left arm and she was not about to change or use that rail unless I moved it to the right side!"

Cliburn remains active in his own church, Linwood Baptist, where he has served as Deacon for over 58 years. He also serves as a Sunday School teacher and sings in the choir.

He added he also helped to build or repair Baptist churches in all the places he taught except at Lauderdale, where he worked through First Baptist of Meridian and helped build a Mission Church. Cliburn is also a Gideon, which he became after leaving East Central.

Cliburn was also involved in scouting for 25 years and is credited along with Mr. Arno Vincent, with organizing seven Boy Scout units in the Decatur area. He served as Chairman of the Babashela District for

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Cliburn

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several years.

Retired since 1968, Cliburn, who is completing his second five-year term on the college's Board of Trustees, spends most of his free time hunting, fishing, gardening, mowing the yard and he even still "lays a few bricks" to help him stay in shape.

He especially loves to turkey and deer hunt and proudly tells of that "beautiful set of horns" displayed in his den.

Cliburn also loves to talk about another favorite subject - running track.

An outstanding athlete at Mississippi College, Cliburn was a two-mile and three-mile champion and won all races against state supported colleges.

His love for running continues as he has set the building of a track as his current top priority project at East Central. (A track is being considered and is included in the college's strategic plan to be completed in the early 1990's).

"Running track is so important because it can really help students in fulfilling their bodies' physical needs. We could also have district meets here which would be a great public relations event with our area high schools and give them even more reasons to attend East Central.

Cliburn, who turned 90 on December 16, is obviously a firm believer in physical as well as mental fitness.

He said he has never had a drop of alcohol and only twice - just twice - has he experienced the effects of tobacco.

His first experience with tobacco involved his sneaking a dip of snuff as a young child at his grandmother's house.

"My grandmother liked to dip snuff and I was about three years old I remember her carrying me upstairs and putting me in her 'feather' bed. Well, her snuff box came out of her pocket and rolled onto my bed and when she was not looking, I took a little pinch of that snuff and all of a sudden it seemed the whole world was turning 'round and 'round!"

When he was about eight years old, Cliburn said he "painfully" experienced his last taste of tobacco.

He said he and his two older brothers, along with a boy neighbor, had gone out on a "moonlight" night to smoke a few cigarettes.

"When my brothers smoked, they made me smoke and said they would beat me if I told Dad. I remember smoking three cigarettes. Well, I felt so bad I could not sleep that night, and the next day I came home early from school to tell Dad what had happened."

And, as expected, Cliburn said his dad was not too pleased with his sons' behavior.

"Dad said, 'I told you boys not to smoke so now we're going to the potato patch!' He had three great long switches ready and told us he was going to prove what he had been talking about. I am really thankful to my dad for guiding me in the right direction."

Cliburn said both his parents were big influences in his life. He said his dad was born in a two-story log cabin and Cliburn - the third of 11 children - was born in that same log cabin located at Pine Grove.

Growing up in the early 1900's was obviously very difficult and Cliburn admitted he had to "drop-out" of school on two separate occasions (a total of five years) in order to work and earn some money.

"I went to work at age 14 as a water boy in a lumber yard and ended up supervising that same lumber business five years later."

When he was able to attend classes, Cliburn said he enrolled in "cracker-box" school houses in McDonald and Linwood. But he later left those one-room school houses and entered Progress Boarding School in McLair for his junior and senior years.

Cliburn said the school located in Greene County and founded by T.L. Lewis, was built of virgin pine timber.

"But a sad thing happened my junior year. While playing baseball one day I looked up and saw the dormitory on fire. We all ran to the building to try and save what we could. I guess we were so excited we didn't know our own strength but another fellow and I moved the school's piano out of the building and simply heaved it over a fence. Don't ask me to explain how we did it but we sure threw that heavy thing over that fence! I also lost everything I owned during that fire."

After graduating from the boarding school in 1922, Cliburn worked as a brick layer in various locations throughout the country.

He also remembers the work he did on the Mississippi College campus - work that enabled him to afford classes and earn his degree.

Cliburn recalled visiting the MC campus and being asked by then President John William Provine if he wanted to attend college.

Cliburn said he told Mr. Provine he would like to go to school, but he needed to earn money in order to afford classes.

When Mr. Provine found out Cliburn was a brick layer, he let the eager student lay the first bricks at the college's Alumni house which was under construction at the time.

Still An Avid Hunter!

Even at age 89, Cliburn still enjoys hunting deer and turkey and is shown with Mrs. Cliburn as they display his prized eight-point deer rack and a 24-pound gobbler he killed in early April. The turkey, his second of the season, had a 10-inch beard.

Cliburn said he personally placed about one-third of all bricks in the structure. He proudly stated he was able to earn enough money as a brick layer to pay for all his schooling.

"I didn't have to borrow a dime," he said.

Cliburn had an outstanding career at Mississippi College, excelling not only in athletics, but also in the classroom and student government.

He said he thoroughly enjoyed attending college and did not even let having his tonsils taken out deter him from attending class one morning.

"I just handed the teacher a note and asked her please not to call on me that day," he laughed.

Cliburn served as junior class president, student body association secretary and student body president - a post he shares with grandson Scott Tynes, who served as SBA president during 1982-83. In fact, they are the only grandfather-grandson combination at MC to ever serve in that capacity.

Cliburn also served as track team captain. Because of his outstanding track career, he was inducted into the MC Hall of Fame in 1984.

Although he originally studied architecture, Cliburn changed his major to education and graduated in 1928. He married the former Mattye May of Magee in 1929.

He later went to Mississippi Southern where he received a masters degree in administration.

While enrolled at Southern, Cliburn also served as principal of Dixie Elementary School. During those two years he was able to supervise the renovation of the school building and the construction of a new teachers' home.

His first teaching assignment was - ironically - at Progress Boarding School, his alma mater.

Cliburn said he still misses those teaching days - especially the 13 years spent at East Central.

Today Cliburn continues to stay active by hunting, fishing, gardening and even laying a few bricks when the urge hits him.

He said he also enjoys watching his family grow.

His daughter, Patty, is a teacher and is married to Rev. Jamie Tynes, pastor of Heidelberg Baptist Church. His son, Edsel, is married to the former Pam Luke of Linwood and they live near Union. Edsel is a state game and fish biologist and Pam is a nurse.

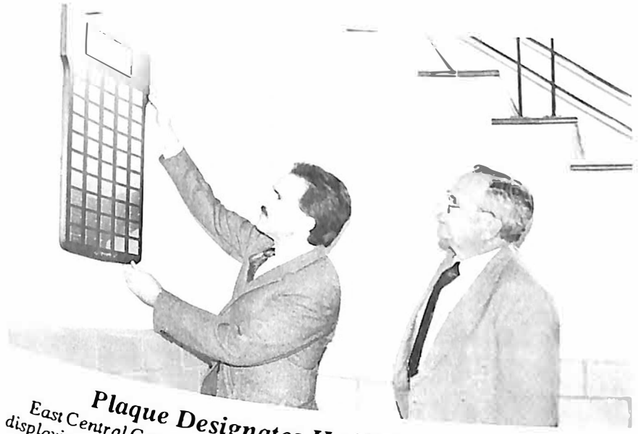
The Cliburns have four grandchildren.

Rigdon Honored

Retiring East Central Community College Board of Trustees member Lester Rigdon of Union, center, was recently honored for his 15 years service and was presented a plaque of appreciation during luncheon activities of the Board's February meeting. Rigdon, 85, was appointed to the post by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors and represented District Three. Among those honoring Mr. Rigdon on his retirement included, from left, daughter-in-law Mrs. Martha Rigdon of Union, Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, Dudley Warren, Neshoba County district three supervisor who appointed Rigdon to the ECCC Board; daughter Mrs. Lynn Bishop of Union, College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, and son Lavette Rigdon of Louisville. Mr. Rigdon is a former engineer's aide for the Mississippi State Highway Department.

New ECCC Board Member

Mrs. Rivers Breazeale of Philadelphia is the newest member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees and is shown with Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, left, and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Mrs. Breazeale was appointed to the post by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors. She represents District Three and succeeds Lester Rigdon who retired following 15 years of service. Mrs. Breazeale formerly served as Neshoba County Tax Assessor-Collector.



Plaque Designates Huff Contributors

East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith is shown displaying a plaque in Huff Auditorium which designates those who have contributed $500 or more to refurbishing the 36-year-old facility. Looking on is Dean of Instruction Dr. Brad Tucker. With phase two of the refurbishing project underway, the college is seeking funds to air condition the auditorium, which is named for the late J. Knox Huff, a Forest attorney, who served on the college's Board of Trustees for 23 years. He also served as Board Chairman from 1948 through 1952. Phase one of the project, which involved replacing stage curtains and drapes, was completed earlier with over $10,000 being raised from private sources. The cost to air condition the auditorium has been estimated to be around $70,000. Listed as Grand Patrons (contributors of $500 or more) for the fund-raising project are Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hardy, Hardy Manufacturing Company; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marshall, Mr. Milton McMullan, Newton County Bank; Mr. and Mrs. T. Marx Huff (In memory of J. Knox Huff); Mr. Val Smith, ARA Services; Mr. Robert Porter, Mr. Dwight Mulholland, Dr. and Mrs. Conrad C. Barnes, Jr. (In memory of Billy Wayne Baucum); Mr. Wayne Comans, Decatur Electric Appliance; Mr. H. F. McCarty, Jr., Chairman of the Board, McCarty Farms; Miss Erma Lee Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Sims, East Central Community College Alumni Association and Dr. Joseph C. Todd and Mrs. Jane Todd Gurry. To send a tax-deductible contribution, checks should be made payable to East Central Community College Development Foundation, Inc., Office of the President, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Expenses for Regular Session
1990-91

FIRST SEMESTER	Dormitory Student	Day Student
Matriculation Fee	$ 325.00	$325.00
Registration Fee (Non-refundable)	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
Room Fee	$ 300.00	
Board (5 Day Meal Ticket)	$ 495.00	$375.00
Total First Semester	$1,170.00	
SECOND SEMESTER		
Matriculation Fee	$ 325.00	$325.00
Registration Fee	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
Room Fee	$ 300.00	
Board (5 Day Meal Ticket)	$ 495.00	$3.75.00
Total Second Semester	$1,170.00	$750.00
Total for Year	$2,340.00	

Each dormitory student is required to purchase a meal ticket.

Students who prefer the Deferred Payment Plan may pay their board in the following way:

FIRST SEMESTER

1. $165.00 - upon entrance
2. $165.00 - October 1, 1990
3. $165.00 - November 12, 1990

SECOND SEMESTER

1. $165.00 - upon entrance
2. $165.00 - February 25, 1991
3. $165.00 - April 8, 1991

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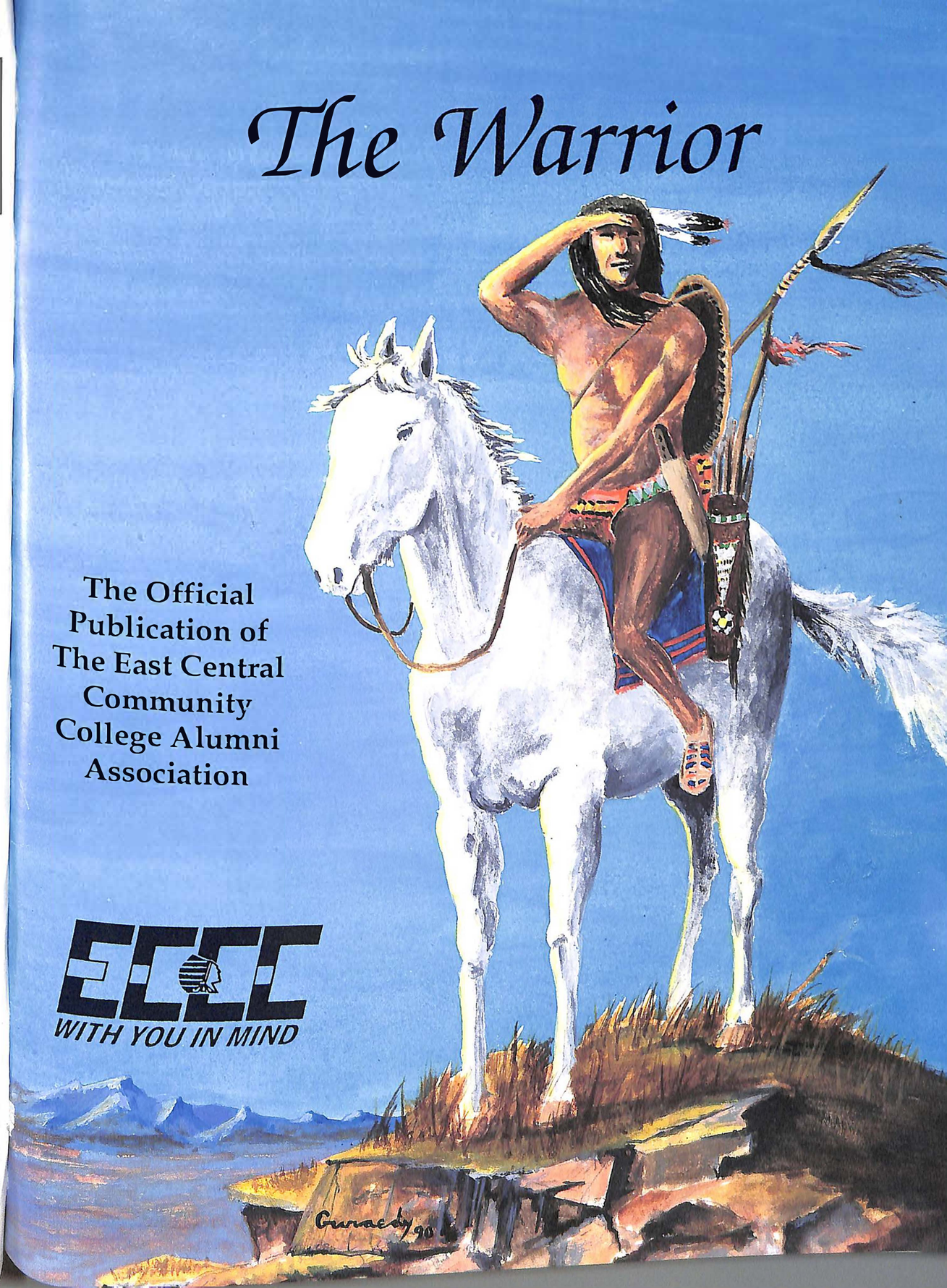

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In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true;
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee;
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true;
Here's all our love to you.

From The President's Desk

East Central Community College has accepted the challenge of the nineties. The first full academic session of the new decade promises to be a time when new programs and goals are formulated and implemented. Several projects to improve instruction, student housing, and campus life have already been completed and other improvements will be made in the near future.

This year students will be using a new academic computing laboratory with eighteen stations which will be expanded to twenty-four stations in the spring.

A completely refurbished chemistry laboratory with appropriate chemical storage facilities and emission control fume hoods is now in place.

Two new commuter buses on two existing routes are in use and a new commuter route originating in Neshoba County is in operation.

The renovation of the ground floor section of Winston Hall which will accommodate 48 men and a housing supervisor is nearing completion. A new parking facility adjacent to Winston Hall is also under construction.

The Vocational-Technical Division began the fall semester with a new Automated Manufacturing Technology laboratory, an updated Precision Machining Technology laboratory, and a new metal working equipment in the Metal Fabrication Technology laboratory.

The weight room, located in Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, has new carpet and several pieces of new equipment.

Approximately $338,000 in monies appropriated by the State Legislature will be used for several much-needed building renovation projects and also to remove certain existing barriers in order to make the campus and all buildings more accessible to the handicapped.

New network computer equipment will be installed for the Computer Technology and Business Technology programs.

New furniture which is more appropriate and more attractive will be placed in the cafeteria to replace in part furnishings which have been in use for more than forty years.

Efforts toward improving institutional effectiveness as prescribed in the college's Strategic Plan will be implemented.

The campaign to renovate Huff Auditorium is continuing. Approximately half the funds necessary to air condition this facility have been contributed by alumni, faculty, and friends of the college.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools self-study will be completed this year and the visiting committee will make their on-site visit to the campus in April. The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the organization through which East Central is accredited.

Recruitment is an on-going activity at East Central and a renewed effort will be made to make every graduating senior and all interested adults more aware of the many educational opportunities afforded by the college.

I am confident that with the help of a dynamic Board of Trustees, a dedicated faculty, a loyal alumni, and an enthusiastic student body East Central will, in the next decade, become an even greater institution than it has been in the past. The college moves into the nineties with a comprehensive curriculum, an outstanding faculty, an expanded adult education program, appropriate facilities, state of the art equipment, and a dedication to serving all the people of its five supporting counties.

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1372 Students

'90 Fall Enrollment Sets All-Time Record

Preliminary figures show that 1,372 students have enrolled at all locations for classes this fall at East Central. This represents a 14.0 percent increase over last fall's enrollment. In addition, the enrollment figures are higher than the record enrollment set in the Spring of 1990.

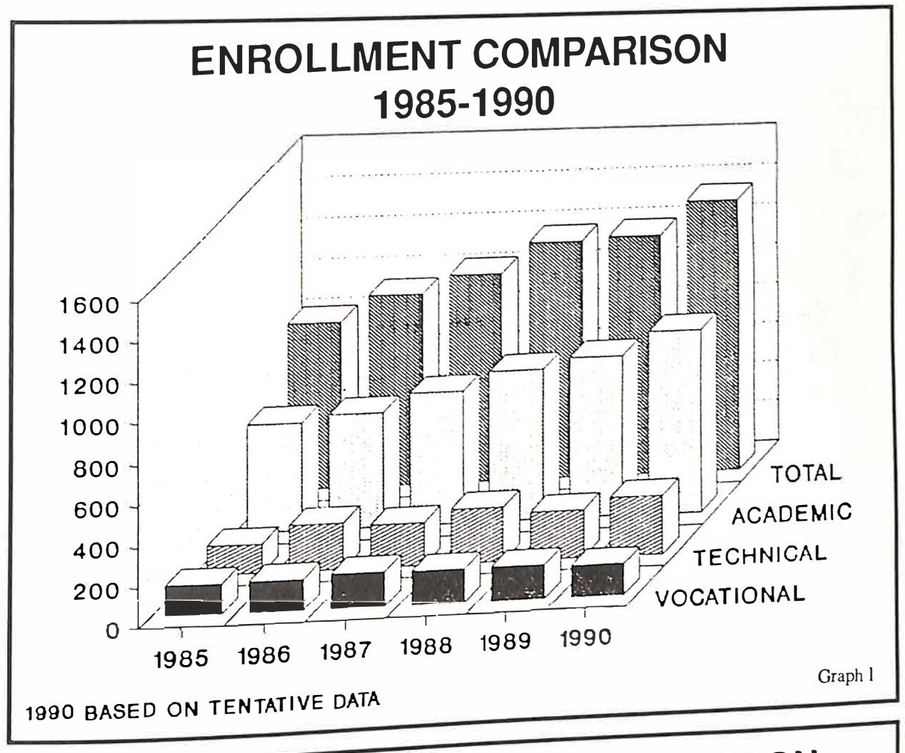
Graph 1 shows the change in the total enrollment over the last six years, and the change in the three categories into which our students fall. Our academic program is showing the steadiest growth, while our technical programs are undergoing invigorating changes which will enhance our offerings in those areas. Further, we will continue to offer vocational programs to support the basic skill areas required in our five county district.

Ninety-two percent of the students attending East Central this fall live in our five county support district. Leake County contributed 18.8 percent of the total number of students, while Neshoba County provided 23.4 percent. Newton County's students make up 25.7 percent of the total enrollment. Scott County added 16.2 percent, and Winston County 10.5 percent. Five percent of East Central's students are from other Mississippi counties, and three percent come from out of state.

East Central provides a series of significant programs to the area it serves. One major sign of the popularity of our adult and evening program is its continued growth. This fall over 34 percent of our students are 24 or older, and 27 percent are married. More adult students are seeking the opportunities available to them at East Central.

Further, East Central is offering a total of 52 classes at our six evening locations. Graph 2 shows the number of students at each of our night locations. Almost 30 percent of our enrollment is in the evening program. This represents a significant increase over last year.

This year's enrollment is approximately divided into thirds. Thirty-three percent of our students attend full-time and commute. Thirty-three percent live in a residence hall and attend full-time. Finally, thirty percent attend part-time in the evening.



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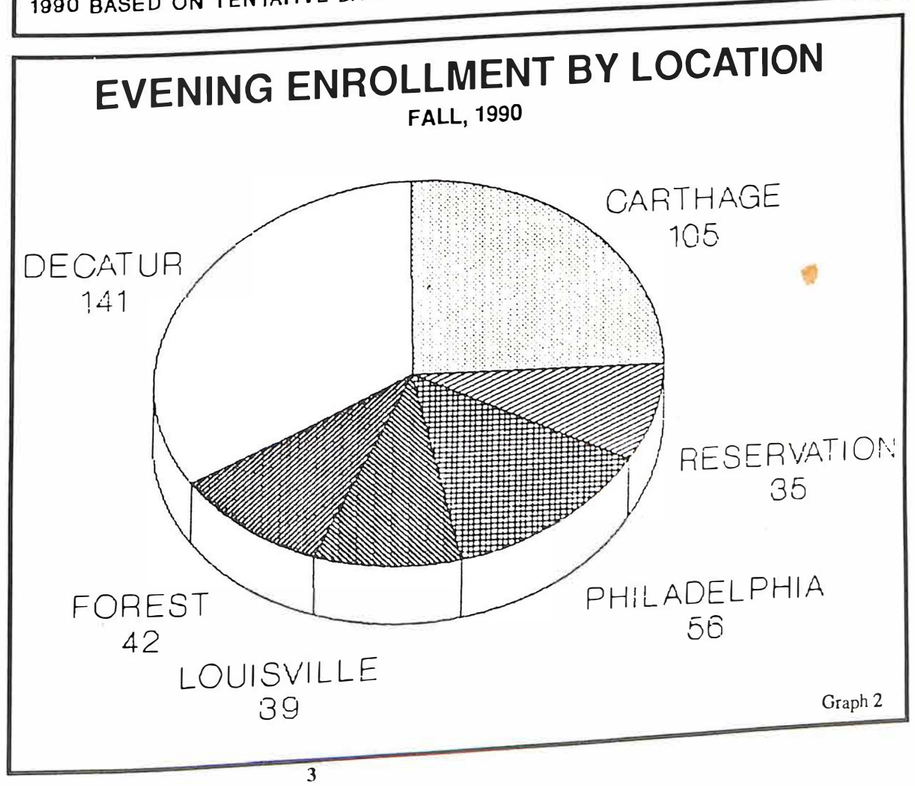

Graph 2

Renovations Made In Cross Hall

Significant changes have taken place in Cross Hall since the close of this past spring semester, and those modifications can have a positive impact upon the students at East Central.

Students will find that the chemistry lab in Cross Hall, for example, has undergone noticeable alterations. First of all, new ventilation hoods conforming the EPA standards have been installed. In addition, all lab tables have been replaced, further contributing to the new look of the lab.

Anyone traveling past East Central's campus this summer probably noticed a building crew working on Cross Hall. The result of that construction work was the addition of two new chemical storage rooms to the science building, and these new storage areas also conform to EPA standards.

All of the changes in the chemistry lab carry a price tag of over $241,000. Representatives of Martin School Equipment, the company which supplied the lab tables, said that East Central has an up-to-date lab which equals or surpasses similar chemistry labs in the state.

If you take a look inside Room 23 in Cross Hall, you will see yet another major and important addition to East Central's facilities. A new computer lab has been installed.

The new computer center boasts 18 PC terminals on network, a high capacity file server, and 2 printers.

According to L.B. Bullock and Al Deaton, two instructors who teach computer courses at East Central, the lab was designed with expansion in mind. It is projected that six additional PC terminals will be installed this year, in addition to another file server. Moreover, both instructors say that in the future the computers in the lab will perhaps link with other networks on campus, and that instructors might have terminals in their offices. The use of various curriculum software is an added possibility.

The computer lab cost roughly $35,000. Approximately $31,000 of the amount was spent on hardware, and the remaining money was spent on software.

Although computer classes receive top priority in the use of computer facilities, at all other times the computers are available for faculty and student use on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone desiring a "tour" of the computer lab may contact either Al Deaton or L.B. Bullock.

Total spending on renovations and additions in Cross Hall have exceeded $275,000 this year. Students and faculty will certainly benefit from the changes that have taken place in the science building.

New Vo-Tech Programs Underway At East Central

John Adcock, Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction at East Central, has announced some changes in the curriculum of the Vocational-Technical division of the college.

One completely new program has been added. This program, called Automated Manufacturing Technology (AMT), features an on-site robotic assembly line setup which is designed to give students hands-on training in keeping an automated assembly line in operation. Wallace Keen is the instructor in the area. Students and faculty are invited to drop by and see the automated assembly line in action.

Precision Machining Technology (PMT), an upgrade of the machine shop program, features new computer-aided machinery in the department. Adcock reports that there is now a computer lab adjoining the shop area. Richard Clark will be the instructor in this program.

Metal Fabrication Technology (MFT) represents a change in the welding program. The upgrading involves the addition of brakes, punches, and shears, which are operations that play a role in the fabrication of metals. James Bayne will provide instruction in this field.

All of these changes in the Vo-Tech reflect changes that have taken place in the labor world. The new programs will give interested students enrolled in the division an opportunity to receive instruction relating to current trends in the job arena.

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Expenses for Regular Session
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Matriculation Fee	$ 325.00	$325.00
Registration Fee (Non-refundable)	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
Room Fee	$ 300.00	
Board (5 Day Meal Ticket)	$ 495.00	
Total First Semester	$1,170.00	$375.00
SECOND SEMESTER		
Matriculation Fee	$ 325.00	$325.00
Registration Fee	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
Room Fee	$ 300.00	
Board (5 Day Meal Ticket)	$ 495.00	
Total Second Semester	$1,170.00	$3.75.00
Total for Year	$2,340.00	$750.00

Each dormitory student is required to purchase a meal ticket.

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3. $165.00 - April 8, 1991

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Peterson Leaves East Central Following 23 Years Service

He mentions "Camelot" as his most successful production, but many will agree that all his musical and theatrical presentations rate as award winning performances.

And now after over 20 years of entertaining audiences young and old with one-act dramas to full-scale Broadway musicals, Bruce Peterson has left East Central Community College to become theater and drama production director at Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

Peterson, 46, who taught speech along with directing fall dinner theater and spring musicals at East Central, said the Itawamba position came up suddenly and represented a career opportunity "I had set goals and prepared for."

> *"I have so many fond memories of East Central," said Peterson who began his tenure on the Decatur campus in the fall of 1967."*

He said the decision to leave East Central was "very difficult" and noted that half his life has been spent in Decatur.

"I have so many fond memories of East Central," said Peterson who began his tenure on the Decatur campus in the fall of 1967.

A native of Waukegam, Illinois, Peterson came to EC while a graduate assistant at the University of Mississippi where he taught speech and worked on various drama productions.

Prior to receiving a graduate assistantship at Ole Miss, Peterson attended Mississippi State from 1962-66 on a band scholarship and played tenor drum.

His interest in Mississippi State came as a result of his mother, Bea Peterson, who is a native of Aberdeen.

At State, he served two years as announcer during the Famous Maroon Band's halftime performances and he was a narrator for several choral groups.

He was president of Black Friars and Alpha Psi Omega (drama fraternity) and he was a charter member of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity.

Peterson said he originally majored in horticulture but changed to speech and theater after his freshman year.

At MSU, he was involved in various productions such as "Bus Stop" and "The Miracle Worker." His talents did not go unnoticed, as he became the first recipient of the outstanding drama student award, as presented by Alpha Psi Omega.

It was also at Mississippi State where Peterson met his wife-to-be, the former Peggy Boone of Monticello.

"I met Peggy in speech class and what really stands out is that she fell asleep as I gave a required speech for a grade."

He said he does not remember the "topic" of his remarks (nor the grade) which obviously had a slumbering effect!

Mrs. Peterson, a former Decatur school teacher, serves as President of the Mississippi Association of Educators.

But it was at Ole Miss when Peterson first learned of East Central.

"Rudolph Mayes (former EC English instructor) is the reason I came to East Central because he told me about the job while he was taking a class at Ole Miss.

I was not really looking for a job at the time because I was working on my master's degree and school was just too much fun. But I decided I needed to go through an interview for the experience so I contacted college officials and headed toward Decatur."

> *"Peterson said he originally majored in horticulture but changed to speech and theater after his freshman year."*

Peterson said he "borrowed" a car and drove to the college campus where he was interviewed by (then President) Dr. Charles Wright, (former dean of students) Denver Brackeen and Dr. Brad Tucker, who still serves as dean of instruction.

"They were very nice to me and I really fell in love with the campus. Plans were to expand the speech program and I really felt I was doing something important by taking the job. I must admit that I really only planned to stay two years, but because of all the support received those two years quickly turned into 23."

When asked to select a "highlight" during those 23 years, Peterson said the musical production of "Camelot" in 1974 is probably the "major" highlight because it represents "the best work I've ever done."

"The 'Camelot' production featured an exceptional cast that was very, very, talented and included great performances by Jimmy Gaines of Decatur, Cy Williams and Jane Hollingsworth, both of Union, Jack Thames of Newton and Tom Carson of Conehatta. Following each performance many ovations were given and because it was so good, 'Camelot' was the first production retired from our repertoire. There was just no way any other group could perform the production as well as that group."

Peterson mentioned other outstanding productions that later became "retired" and included "Mame," which featured Evelyn Pierce of Newton and Cheryl Gibbons of Hickory; "Carousel," with Joan Alawine of Union and Davi d Reynolds of Louisville as leading performers; and the college's second production of "Oklahoma," which included memorable performances by Brooks McElhenney of Decatur and Nelda Germany of Union.

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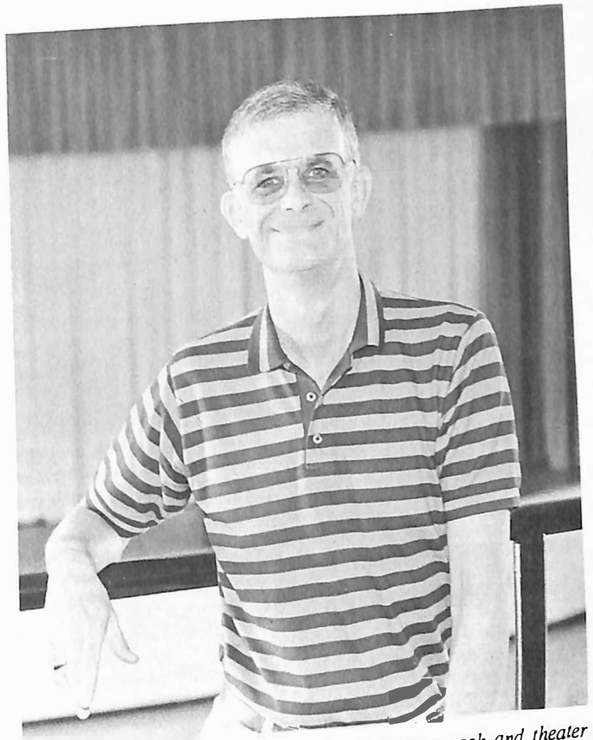

Former East Central Community College speach and theater instructor Bruce Peterson who has left the Decatur campus following a 23-year career. In the background is the stage of Huff Auditorium where many of Peterson's musical and drama productions were presented.

More Peterson

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Along with "being blessed" by talented college-age performers, Peterson said it has also been a "real treat" to have various faculty members' children who participated in various productions as youngsters assume leading roles in musicals when they enrolled at East Central. Such was the case of Harriett Vickers and Amy Pouncey, both of Decatur. He said Vickers had starring roles in "The Pajama Game" and "Man From La Mancha" as Pouncey in "Hello, Dolly" and "South Pacific."

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Peterson recalled that his first musical, "Oklahoma," was presented in 1969, and came about after he and Bob Fick, former EC band director and music instructor, approached Dr. Wright with the idea. Peterson said fall dinner theater productions began about 15 years ago.

Little did he realize that this past spring's production of "Damn Yankees" would be his last at East Central.

Peterson said he has very fond memories of that production, too; not just because students again registered outstanding performances but because a special presentation was made to him by a former student.

Susan Mihalic Tehrani, formerly of Union and now of San Diego, California, presented Peterson with a bouquet of roses at the close of the final night's performance. She and others who performed in "Once Upon A Mattress" 10 years earlier, had made the presentation to commemorate their anniversary and thank Peterson for his talents and leadership in directing the musical.

Peterson said the success of the drama department is due not only because of talented students involved but also thanks to the "outstanding support" received from the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff. He especially had words of praise for Physical Plant Director Clinton Russell and his maintenance staff and former food service manager Leonard Lee and current manager Chris Servis "who were great to work with" in providing valuable services for various productions.

And he had kind words for fellow teachers and said he had the pleasure of working with some wonderful people.

"A lot of teachers here have been great influences on me and have taught me things that have been and will continue to benefit me the rest of my life. People like Mr. Mayes and other former instructors Mrs. (Alyne) Simmons and Mrs. (Sara) Heard and (current instructor) Miss (Lucille) Wood have been of great help to me," he said.

Peterson also thanks the public for the overwhelming attendance and support shown for all the plays and musicals presented at the college.

"There are many people out there who religiously attend our performances, especially on opening night. People like Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson of Conehatta who are always there to lend support.

"I would just like to tell everyone in the five-county district area and those outside the district how much it has meant to me to have such outstanding support and I am deeply appreciative.

"I will always hold a very fond place in my heart for East Central," he said.

A reception was held in honor of the longtime college instructror in the Fine Arts Center lobby in August. Bruce and his wife Peggy are shown greeting some of those who came by to extend best wishes and offer congratulations on his new position at Itawamba Community College.

1980 'Players' Have Reunion

These former students who were members of the 1980 ECCC Players met on campus last spring and attended the college's 1990 spring musical "Damn Yankees" which marked the group's 10-year anniversary of their production of "Once Upon a Mattress." When the curtain fell on the final scene of "Damn Yankees," cast members of the 1980 musical precented Players' sponsor Bruce Peterson with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of his 23 years of service to the college. Although it was not known at the time, Peterson later announced he was leaving East Central for a similar position at Itawamba Community College. Pictured are, seated from left, Ruth Hackman with Mandy; Lynda Gayle Easterling Wilson, Leisa Richardson Beausang, Jill Satcher, Rose McGee Walker; back row, from left, Ken Hackman, Shahriar Tehrani and Susan Mihalic Tehnrani, Sherry Winstead Gunn and Mark Gunn, Melissa Thompson, Jamie Satcher, David Walker and Randy Walker.

Cooper Memorial Scholarship Established At East Central

Contributions are being accepted for the Carl and Doug Cooper Memorial Scholarship which was recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur.

As requested by family members, the scholarship will be presented to a graduating sophomore at East Central who plans to complete his or her education at Mississippi State University. Students eligible for the scholarship "will be of high moral character" and will have exhibited "exemplary citizenship" on the Decatur campus. The person receiving the scholarship will also have achieved a high academic record and earned at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Carl Cooper, who lived in Decatur and had resided there since 1963, died of a heart attack on Sunday, June 10, 1990. The 50-year-old Carthage native was vice president of operations at the Molpus Company in Philadelphia and was a Colonel in the Mississippi Army National Guard. He was also a real estate broker.

Among the positions Cooper held during his 33 years with the National Guard were Chief of Staff of Detachment I and past commander of the Mississippi Fourth Battalion. He had received the Magnolia Cross, the Mississippi Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

He became a full colonel a week prior to his death while in training at Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg.

A 1957 graduate of Carthage High School, Cooper also attended East Central Community College where he received his degree in 1957.

At East Central, the honor graduate was a member of the band, tennis team, Mu Alpha Theta and The Tom Tom, the campus newspaper.

It was at East Central where Cooper met his future wife, the former Lois Blount of Decatur.

The Carl and Doug Cooper Memorial Scholarship was established by family members, from left, Tam, Lois and Mike.

Cooper also attended Mississippi State University where he received a bachelors degree in political science in 1961. He would later earn a masters degree in guidance and counseling at MSU.

Following graduation from MSU, Cooper began a coaching and teaching career, serving at Bailey Junior High in Jackson, Northeast Lauderdale Junior High in Meridian, and Decatur High School.

Throughout his life Cooper held various positions of service, including Newton County Welfare Director, board chairman of Weems Mental Health Center, counselor and supervisor with Vocational Rehabilitation, director of Mississippi Rehabilitation Services as well as director of Weems Mental Health Center. He also served on the administrative staff at the Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Hospital. Under governor William Winter's administration, Cooper headed the state Energy Assistance Program.

He was a member and chairman of the administrative board at the Decatur Methodist church where he was also a choir member. He was past president of Decatur Lions Club and Decatur Jaycees. He was also a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

For his many contributions and extensive work in various areas, Cooper was selected East Central's "Alumnus of the Year" in 1988. He was earlier named Decatur's "Outstanding Young Man" in 1974.

Other survivors, besides his wife, include a son, Mike, an East Central graduate presently attending Mississippi State University; a daughter, Tam, a freshman at East Central; mother, Odessa Cooper, and sister, Diane Jones, who both live in Carthage.

A son, Douglas Carl, preceded Mr. Cooper in death. Doug was seven years old and was serving as second grade class president when he died in 1971.

Contributions to the Cooper Scholarship Fund can be sent to the office of the President, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi 39327.

The first scholarship is scheduled to be presented during the 1991 Awards Day Activities.

CARL COOPER

DOUG COOPER

Receives National Recognition

Miss Lucille Wood, an instructor of health, physical education and recreation at East Central, was named recipient of the 1989-90 National Junior College Athletic Association Service Award for her many years of dedicated work in the field of community/junior college athletics. Only four such awards are given on an annual basis and Miss Wood is the first Mississippian to receive the national honor. Miss Wood, a Louisville native, was instrumental in organizing basketball competition for women in the junior and senior colleges. She currently serves as Region 23 (Mississippi-Louisiana) Director for Women's Athletics and is a member of various committees, including track and field, national basketball poll, All-American and slow-pitch softball, which she serves as chairperson. She is shown at left during a reception held in her honor at the college.

Letters

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Mr. Bubby Johnston
P.O. Box 50
East Central Community College
Alumni
Decatur, MS 39327

While I've only been back to East Central once since I left in May of 54, (that time to see Frank Brooks, Frank and Nellie Cross and a few other faculty on campus) I have continued to get reports. Bruce Peterson in the Speech department comes to SETC convention each March and we always find time to chat. I usually get a Christmas card from Una Harris in Tennessee - or my sister, Nan, hears. Some Philadelphia ties still correspond - and an occasional letter from Frank Brooks, James Hayes, or Charles Wilson - although, they're now about as out-of-touch as I am.

Bruce had told me about the "new" president and the alumni association - so I was glad to get The Warrior a week or so ago. I almost "filed" it since it said East Central Community College and did not have Decatur on the front - but I'm glad now that I flipped a page or two and saw it was East Central Junior College at Decatur, MS. Frank Brooks and I get very nostalgic talking about the "old days" there with the Todds (she taught us H.S. government in 1948 or 49 when we were both there for the summers with Jane and Joe Todd). The Todds had earlier been neighbors in Philadelphia. Frank and I enjoyed summer school sessions there for H.S. so much that we came back to do 2 years of college work there. We already knew Una Harris, the Crosses, Stella Newsom, "Jannie" Sullivan, and Mr. Vincent. So we enjoyed our days there. Frank graduated, went to State, there became a Presbyterian minister and I haven't seen him in over 20 years. I did not graduate but passed everything except Mr. Vincent's P.E. which I cut 18 times and had to repeat. I transferred to Ole Miss and while there wrote and dedicated a play Sunflower Wreath to Una Harris. She and a group of the newspaper staff (Tom-Tom) came up for the opening. At the time I was at ECJC I was majoring in Pre Med so I got to know Frank Cross well in chemistry - as well as Frank Leatherwood in Biology. They were great years and I remember with pleasure the activities with student publications and the drama department (Keith Slouthower - who individually recommended me for this job in '63 - although I hadn't seen him since '54).

I've included a fairly recent resume for your file that suggests what I've been doing these past 35 years. The main rewards, however, have been family (3 children - Stark, Clayton, and Regina), church (St. Andrews Episcopal Church), and research and creative writing, and I'm now into gardening.

It was wonderful to read over your alumni magazine and to recognize a few of the names. Keep up the good work.

East Central was always the "quality" junior college when I was in the state and I sense that it still has that position - in spite of tremendous growth and broadened scope. It is always good to get Bruce's report - and now your journal will help keep me informed.

Sincerely,
Charles Harbour
University of Montevallo
Montevallo, Alabama 35115

August 2, 1990

Mr. Bubby Johnston
P.O. Box 50
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Mr. Johnston:

I was pleasantly surprised a few weeks ago to receive the Spring, 1990 ssue of The Warrior. I do not know who put my name of your mailing ist, but I am truly thankful they did. I spent the next few hours reading the issue from cover to cover and reliving my days at East Central. Many memories were stirred as I read about former teachers and friends that I have not seen or heard from in over 30 years.

As a student at ECJC in 1957-59, I never dreamed that I would spend my professional career in a two-year college. After graduating from ECJC in 1959, Southern Mississippi in 1962, and teaching and coaching a few years, I worked at South Florida Junior College in Avon Park, Florida and Broward Community College in Ft. Lauderdale from 1966-1975. In 1975 I entered a doctoral program at Auburn University, received my Ed. D. degree in 1977 and immediately was employed at DeKalb College in Atlanta. I have been at DeKalb College for 13 years in several administrative positions. Currently I am the Campus Dean of North Campus in Dunwoody, Georgia.

I have had many opportunities in working with students, faculty and other administrators to recount my experiences as a student at ECJC in solving current problems. At East Central I experienced the value of teacher dedication and teacher involvement with students. I still value these qualities today as I evaluate DeKalb College faculty.

Enclosed is my membership form for the ECCC Alumni Association. I can hardly wait for the next issue of The Warrior.

Sincerely,
Powell Waite

Honored For Service

Mathematics instructor Mrs. Lois McMullan was recognized for her 20 years of service at East Central and is shown during a reception held in her honor last spring. Standing next to Mrs. McMullan is her husband, Raymond, who serves as the college's director of admissions, records and research.

Vickers Honored

Ovid Vickers was chosen Mississippi's College English Teacher for the Year 1989-90 by the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English at the statewide organization's annual spring meeting. Vickers, a faculty member at East Central since 1955, is shown with the plaque he was presented in recognition of his outstanding service as an English instructor.

ECCC Retirees Honored

These retiring members of the East Central Community College administration and faculty are shown with some of the gifts presented the honorees at the college's end-of-the-year faculty appreciation dinner held last spring. From left are Willard Clay, who has retired after serving 21 years as welding instructor; Grover Shoemaker, who served 26 years as automotive body and fender repair instructor; and O.L. Newell, who has retired following 29 years as director of vocational-technical instruction.

Jimmy Dempsey Selected ECCC Vo-Tech Counselor

Jimmy C. Dempsey has been selected as Vocational-Technical Counselor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College President.

Dempsey, who began his new duties on July 1, 1990, previously served the college as Vo-Tech counselor for handicapped students before being assigned to his new position. He succeeds John Adcock who has since been chosen Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction at East Central, replacing the retiring O.L. Newell.

Prior to joining the East Central staff in January, 1990, Dempsey served as Assistant Principal at Pearl River High School in Carriere. He also served as Assistant Principal/Coach at Picayune Memorial High School, Principal/Counselor/Coach at Houston (Mississippi) High School, Counselor/Coach at Warren Central High School, and Teacher/Coach at Nanih Waiya High School.

Dempsey also has an extensive business-related background as he previously served as Production Foreman for Wood Treating, Inc. in Picayune for six years. He was also associated with Metropolitan Life Insurance in Hattiesburg and Calendar Stationery Company in Columbia.

He is a graduate of Louisville High School, Delta State University, where he received a Bachelors degree in Secondary Education; and Mississippi State University, where he obtained a Master's degree in Secondary School Administration and Guidance Education.

He has a daughter, Allyson McKay of Picayune; and son, Wade, of Nashville.

JIMMY DEMPSEY

Lynn Scribner Named ECCC Vo-Tech Counselor

LYNN SCRIBNER

Mrs. Lynn Scribner of Union has been selected Vocational-Technical Counselor for handicapped students at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Mrs. Scribner, a native of Sturgis, began her new duties on July 1, 1990.

Prior to being named to the college post, she served as Guidance Counselor at Choctaw Central High School in Philadelphia during the 1989-90 school term. She was previously employed at C. E. Hanna Elementary School in Oxford, Alabama where she served as Elementary Counselor and at Oxford (Alabama) Middle School, where she was an Elementary Teacher and Extended Day Care Teacher.

Before moving to Alabama, Mrs. Scribner held the title of Guidance Counselor and Director of Student Activities from 1983-87 at Holmes Community College in Goodman.

Mrs. Scribner is a 1979 graduate of Sturgis Attendance Center. She continued her education at Mississippi State University where she received a B.S. degree in Physical Education and a Master's degree in Guidance.

The former Lynn Fulce, she is married to Morgan Scribner and they have a two-year-old daughter, Aimee. Mr. Scribner recently completed his first year as football coach at Union High School.

The Scribners are members of First Baptist Church in Union.

Glaze Named ECCC Economics/Business Instructor

Laurie Huskison Glaze has been selected Economics/Business Administration Instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Glaze, 25, began her new duties on August 22, 1990.

A Pontotoc native, she was previously employed as a banking officer in the Cash Management Department at First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans.

Before moving to New Orleans, Glaze was a graduate research assistant in the School of Accounting at Mississippi State University. At MSU, she also served as office assistant in the Office of Vice President for Research and previously held the same position in the External Services Program in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

In New Orleans, she also taught English as a second language to Spanish-speaking adult students and she served as a consultant for Applied Economics for Junior Achievement in the public school system.

Her professional affiliations include the New Orleans Cash Management Association and National Corporate Management Association.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

Mrs. Glaze is a graduate of Pontotoc High School and Mississippi State University, where she received bachelors' and master's degrees in banking and finance.

At MSU, she was a President's List Scholar and a member of Delta Gamma, a social fraternity, and Financial Management Association, serving both organizations on the executive committee.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Huskison of Pontotoc, she is married to Tim Glaze, director of East Central's Baptist Student Union.

LAURIE GLAZE

Brad Bradshaw Named ECCC Assistant Coach

Joe B. (Brad) Bradshaw, Jr., of Brandon, has been named assistant football coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. Bradshaw's hiring was confirmed at the May meeting of the college's Board of Trustees. He replaces John Russell who took a similar position at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

For the past year Bradshaw, 25, has served as assistant football coach and science teacher at Madison-Ridgeland Academy in Madison. Bradshaw's main responsibility concerned coaching offensive linemen for head coach Jack Carlisle whose MRA squad finished the 1989 campaign with an 8-2 mark. The new East Central assistant coach said he was pleased that each offensive lineman signed community or junior college scholarships following season play.

Prior to his coaching/teaching stint at Madison-Ridgeland Academy, Bradshaw, during 1988-89, served as a graduate assistant football coach at University of Arkansas at Monticello which posted an 11-1 record and advanced to the national playoffs. He previously served one year as trainer-weight program coordinator at the University's Cardio-Vascular Clinic.

His first coaching assignment was at Strider Academy in Charleston where he was assistant football coach and weight coach from 1983-85, working primarily in the summer months.

Bradshaw is a graduate of Strider Academy where he was an All-State linebacker and was instrumental in leading the team to a state championship and 12-1 overall record.

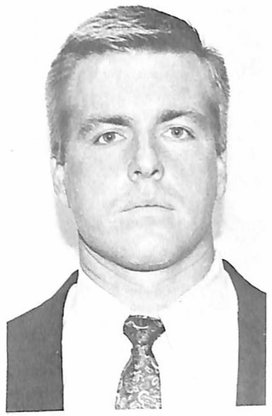
He was also an All-State performer as an offensive guard at Northwest Mississippi Junior College in Senatobia. At Northwest, Bradshaw was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honorary fraternity for community and junior college students.

Following his junior college playing days, Bradshaw signed with the University of Arkansas at Monticello where he was selected an All-Conference offensive guard.

An outstanding student-athlete, Bradshaw was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior and Senior Colleges.

Bradshaw said he is looking forward to working with Coach Kilpatrick and assistant coach Tony Triplett and is pleased to have been selected to serve on the Warrior staff.

Along with his coaching duties, Bradshaw had been assigned responsibilities in dormitory supervision, weight room coordination and recruiting. He began his new position on July 16, 1990.



BRAD BRADSHAW

Cheryl Winstead Selected ECCC Electronic Technology Instructor

Cheryl Ann Winstead has been selected Electronic Technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur. She began her new duties on August 1, 1990.

Winstead, 30, previously served four years as a Digital Navigation Tactics Specialist for the United States Air Force and was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska. She earlier was employed by Gulfco, Inc. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where she worked in the Processor/Diagnostics division. Her duties included establishing data processing procedures, diagnosing system failures and completing repairs.

A Leesburg native, Winstead graduated from East Central in 1990 and was the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award in Electronic Technology.

Her education background is extensive as the Morton High School graduate also attended Hinds Community College, Millsaps College, Anchorage Community College and Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of R.G. and Phyllis Winstead who operate Winstead Farms in Leesburg.

CHERYL ANN WINSTEAD

Germany Selected East Central Instructor

Conrad Germany of Union has been selected automotive body and fender repair instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Germany, 48, has operated Germany's Body Shop in Union since October, 1986,

The new East Central instructor has over 20 years experience in the field of automotive body and fender repair, with approximately 10 years being served as an instructor in vocational-technical centers and high schools in Florida.

Germany, a Jasper county native, is a graduate of Scottsbluff (Nebraska) High School, University of West Florida in Pensacola and Pensacola Junior College. He also attended various workshops held at training centers throughout the southeast.

He is a member of Bluff Spring Church of God where he teaches the Adult Sunday School class and serves on the church's board of trustees. He also serves the state association as a member of the business committee.

Germany is married to the former Pat Pelfrey of Middletown, Ohio and they have three sons, Larry, Donald and Randy.

CONRAD GERMANY

ECCC
WITH YOU IN MIND

New Staff Members

Judy Carroll Named ECCC Speech And Theatre Instructor

Speech and Theatre activities at East Central Community College this year are now under the direction of Miss Judy Ann Carroll. Miss Carroll is replacing Bruce Peterson who left to assume another position.

JUDY CARROLL

A native of Oklahoma, the new Speech and Theatre instructor comes to East Central from Chickasha, Oklahoma where she was an instructor in the Theatre Department at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Miss Carroll has extensive experience in working with both college and community drama productions. She served as a graduate assistant in theatre properties at the University of Arkansas, where she also received her Master of Arts Degree in Theatre in 1988. She has conducted Creative Dramatics Workshops, and in 1989 she directed the Chickasha Community Theatre production of the musical SCROOGE.

Miss Carroll will be responsible for teaching Oral Communication classes at East Central as well as the Acting and Drama Production classes. She has already begun making plans for the fall dinner theatre production which will take place in early November.

Born in Oklahoma City, the new East Central instructor is one of five children. She first realized her keen interest in drama in a ninth grade drama class and decided to major in theatre in college. As a college student, she appeared as the "Artful Dodger" in OLIVER and in a Neil Simon Comedy GOD'S FAVORITE. In graduate school, she was selected as one of an eleven woman cast for the monologue TALKING WITH.

Miss Carroll's mother is British, and the family has enjoyed visits in London where they were able to see the famous mystery play THE MOUSE TRAP, a real treat for a dramatics instructor. Miss Carroll indicated that her favorite pastime is reading new plays, and she attempts to occasionally visit New York City to see new Broadway plays. Her biggest thrill came when she was in the audience for PHANTOM OF THE OPERA and CATS.

"I am thinking of doing a two-act play this fall," Carroll stated. "This will be a departure from the one-act format of the past, but I think both students and adult theatregoers will enjoy it."

Concerning her move to Decatur, Carroll indicated that she had never met friendlier people. "People have just gone out of their way to make me feel at home, and I'm beginning to do just that," she said. "I really look forward to getting to know the people in the community and in the area."

"I am excited over the new opportunities I will have at East Central, and I look forward to making a contribution to the college's programs, not only in the theatre department but in other areas as well."

Haggard Selected ECCC Psychology Teacher

Dr. James Haggard of Louisville has been selected Psychology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Dr. Haggard began his new duties on August 27, 1990.

He previously served as Psychology/Sociology instructor at Clarke College in Newton. He earlier served as Sociology instructor at University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas and Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas where he also was Dean of Students.

An ordained minister, Dr. Haggard has served over 30 years in various churches.

He is also a navy veteran, having served from 1942-46.

For several years he worked in social work as a Counselor-Psychologist with Volunteers of America.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, an organization which promotes education, and is a former member of Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

Dr. Haggard is a graduate of Mississippi College, where he received a bachelors degree in Social Studies; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas where he received a bachelor of divinity degree, master of theology degree and master of religious education and doctorate in Psychology.

His wife, Sarah, teaches first grade at Noxapater. The Haggards have four grown children who live in Arkansas.

DR. JAMES HAGGARD

John Adcock Selected ECCC Vo-Tech Director

John Adcock is the new Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Adcock, whose employment was approved at the May meeting of the college's Board of Trustees, previously served as Vocational-Technical Counselor at East Central, a position he has held since 1974.

He succeeds O.L. Newell who retired following a 29-year career. Adcock assumed his new duties on July 1, 1990.

The new Vo-Tech Director presently serves as president of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Counselors' Association and is president-elect of the East Central Community College Faculty Club.

Adcock, 45, is a recipient of the college's Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor award and was honored during the 1978 Homecoming activities.

He is a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, East Central Junior College, University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree; Delta State University, where he received a Master of Education degree; and Mississippi State University, where he obtained an Education Specialist degree.

He is married to the former Rosemary Seay of Yazoo City and they have a daughter, Vicki, 14, a ninth grader at Newton County High School.

JOHN ADCOCK

ECCC Alumni Of The Year

Burris O. Smith	(Class of 1940)	1964
Lucille Wood	(Class of 1951)	1965
Henry D. Horton	(Class of 1961)	1966
Crowley Alford	(Class of 1941)	1967
W. H. Johnson	(Class of 1937)	1968
Arthur Winstead	(Class of 1926)	1969
Leon Sims	(Class of 1933)	1970
Charles Carter	(Class of 1943)	1971
William L. Weems	(Class of 1951)	1972
Arno Vincent	(Class of 1937)	1973
Elizabeth Kay Darby	(Class of 1945)	1974
W.C. Spence	(Class of 1949)	1975
John Risher	(Class of 1942)	1976
Jessie Mae Everett	(Class of 1949)	1977
All Class Members	(Class of 1928)	1978
Glenn D. Walker	(Class of 1935)	1979
Russell, Walton, Deceased	(Class of 1935)	1980
Dwight Mulholland	(Class of 1939)	1981
Denver Brackeen	(Class of 1935)	1983
Herman Alford, Deceased	(Class of 1936)	1984
Carl B. Cooper, Deceased	(Class of 1959)	1985
Dr. Beverly Henry Oliphant	(Class of 1959)	1985
Kenneth A. Madison	(Class of 1953)	1986
Dr. Pamela Catledge Kirk	(Class of 1963)	1986
Dr. Brad Tucker	(Class of 1948)	1987
Dr. Addie Rhodes Lee	(Class of 1958)	1987
Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth	(Class of 1957)	1988
Dr. Verbie Lovorn Prevost	(Class of 1962)	1988
Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell	(Class of 1952)	1989
Dr. Eddie M. Smith	(Class of 1963)	1989
Jo McMullan Taylor	(Class of 1967)	1990
Larry Hogue	(Class of 1961)	1990

ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame

Denver Brackeen	1985
Lucille Wood	1986
Billy Wayne Baucum (Deceased)	1987
Howard Sessums (Deceased)	1988
Arno Vincent	1989
Lamar Blount	1989
Earl Marshall	1989
Jeff Loper	1990
Richard Harris	1990
Sherrell Ray Marshall	1990

Alumni Recognition of Faculty

First started in 1982 as Distinguished Faculty Award

- 1982 Ovid S. Vickers
- 1983 Dr. Shelby Harris
- 1984 Mrs. Jessie M. Everett

Changed in 1985 to Instructors of the Year - One Academic and One Vocational-Technical Instructor selected each year.

Academic	1985	Mr. Bruce Guraedy
Vocational-Technical	1985	Mr. Al Bailey
Academic	1986	Mrs. Ann Burkes
Vocational-Technical	1986	Mr. O. L. Newell
Academic	1987	Mr. Tommy Thrash
Vocational-Technical	1987	Mr. Chester Clark
Academic	1988	Dr. Richard C. Ethridge
Vocational-Technical	1988	Mr. John Adcock
Academic	1989	Mr. Joe Clark
Vocational-Technical	1989	Mr. Larry Blackburn
Academic	1990	Mrs. Lois McMullan
Vocational-Technical	1990	Mr. Wallace Keen

New Staff Member

Bayne Selected ECCC Metal Fabrication Techonology Instructor

James Walter Bayne, Sr. of Kosciusko has been selected Metal Fabrication Technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Bayne, 46, previously served as sheet metal instructor at the Kosciusko Skills Center for Holmes Community College in Kosciusko.

Prior to his employment at Holmes, where he served since 1981, Bayne was a sheet metal worker for S. L. Bailey Corporation, a set-up man and group leader at Sheller Globe Corporation, mechanical insulator and sheet metal layout man at Ivey's Inc., and machine operator and set-up man for Superior Coach Corporation, all located in Koscuisko.

Bayne is active in community affairs and currently served as a Kosciusko alderman, a post he held for over two terms. As an alderman, his main area of responsibility concerned the city police force and fire department, which he assisted by serving as police and fire commissioner.

He is also involved in youth activities and twice received the "Image Award for Youth" which is given to those who "project a good image" for young people.

An avid sports fan, he has coached semi-pro baseball for several years.

He is a member of Cox Lodge #15 of the Masonic Order and Jackson Street Baptist Church in Kosciusko where he serves as Chairman of the Deacons and Inspirational Choir member.

Bayne also serves as a member of the governor's Council on Economic Development.

He is a graduate of the old Tipton Street High School in Kosciusko. He has attended Jackson State University, Milwaukee Institute of Technology and Mississippi Valley State University.

Bayne and his wife, the former Alice Patterson, also of Kosciusko, have four adult children: Cheryl, Gwendolyn, Paula and James, Jr.

He is the son of Ethel and John Bayne who are retired and live in Kosciusko.

JAMES BAYNE

Taylor, Hogue Selected ECCC Outstanding Alumni

Two East Central graduates dedicated to improving the state's education system have been selected the community college's outstanding alumni for 1990.

The two honorees, Mrs. Jo McMullan Taylor of Forest and Larry Hogue of Flowood, will be honored along with other award winners at the school's October 13, 1990 Homecoming luncheon and program scheduled on the Decatur campus.

Other honorees include Mrs. Lois Foster McMullan, selected "Outstanding Academic Instructor;" Wallace Keen, who was chosen "Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year;" and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Jeff Loper of Decatur; Richard Harris of Hickory; and Sherrell Ray Marshall of Jackson.

JO TAYLOR

Selected as East Central's "Alumna of the Year," Mrs. Jo McMullan Taylor, a Decatur native, has served the past year as president of the Mississippi School Boards Association. Prior to being named to the top spot, Taylor, 42, previously served four years on the Association's Board of Directors and held the positions of vice president and secretary-treasurer. Her term as president expires in October, 1990.

She was also a member of the State Board of Education Task Force on Nonparticipation in Extra-Curricular Activities.

On the local level, Taylor has served seven years as a member of the Forest Municipal School Board of Trustees, with five of those years served as Board secretary.

Although the many miles she has travelled the past year have been sometimes tiresome, not to mention the effect her absence has had on her family, Taylor still feels her work has been "most rewarding."

"As I travel outside the state to places like Washington, D.C. and Kansas City, Missouri, I've come to realize that Mississippi is ahead of a lot of states in many areas. Many states are just now implementing programs Mississippi put in place with the Education Reform Act of 1982," she said.

Her greatest pleasure in serving on her local board has been helping to open communication lines between parents and schools.

"I am very proud of the communication link the Forest School district has developed with parents," Taylor said.

A few years ago Forest City Schools started sending home a list of the basic skills required of children. Now, parents know the skills their children will be learning.

"I feel parents can help their children more if they know what skills their children have to learn," Taylor said.

She said she has gained "a lot of

JO TAYLOR

insight" over the years as a school board member.

"I have been amazed at the responsibility a school board member has," Taylor said, "especially to make decisions based on the best information available at the time."

Concerning the recently passed but not yet funded Mississippi BEST bill, Taylor said she is disappointed that funding has not been implemented but added, "a lot of the things Governor Mabus is calling for we are already doing in Forest."

Reasons for her involvement in public education are numerous, but probably her top three reasons include her children: Susan, an eleventh grader; Stephanie, an eighth grader; and Jonathan, who is enrolled in the fourth grade.

"George (her husband and Farmers and Merchants Bank president) and I strongly believe in supporting our public school system and we want to do everything we can to help all children receive a quality education," she said.

An outstanding student herself, Mrs. Taylor, a 1965 Decatur High School graduate, attended East Central from 1965-67 where she was named class salutatorian.

Only a "B" in typing kept Taylor from being valedictorian.

At EC, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and served as president of the honorary society. She also attended the National PTK Convention each year.

She was also a member of the Baptist Student Union and served on the assembly committee.

"East Central was the best thing to happen to me because at EC I had a lot of free time and I finally learned what to do during that free time, which was to study," Taylor said.

"Had I gone straight to Mississippi State following graduation at Decatur High School I know my grades would not have been too good."

Not only has Taylor been active with her work in education, but she is also involved in various club, church and other school activities. She has also done a lot of volunteer work with the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. Taylor said she is "very pleased and honored" to have been selected "Alumna of the Year" and said she is looking forward to attending the luncheon with family and friends. She added it is very gratifying to be recognized for her efforts in education and other worthwhile causes.

"I'm just happy to be able to contribute my time and efforts to things in which I strongly believe.

"Many people have done a lot for me, and I enjoy making memories for others," Taylor said.

LARRY HOGUE

Larry Hogue of Flowood, manager of Education Services at Mississippi Power and Light Company in Jackson has been selected East Central's "Alumnus of the Year" for 1990.

A Forest native, Hogue, 48, has previously served the utility company in various public relations capacities since 1979.

His experience in dealing with the public is extensive, as he previously served 10 years as Public Relations Director for the Mississippi Department of Education, two years as Public Relations Coordinator for Vocational-Technical Education and three years as Public Relations Director at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. Before he began a career in public relations, Hogue was a teacher at Central Junior High School in Biloxi. And for over 20 years he has served as a free-lance wedding photographer.

In his present role at M P & L Hogue's responsibilities include working with schools, colleges and related organizations on various programs. His major areas of emphasis, in addition to energy education, are programs to reduce adult illiteracy,

LARRY HOGUE

reduce dropouts and strengthen science-math education.

Hogue takes the company's educational message directly to the classroom which, he said, makes his work "very satisfying" in that students are learning from business persons about the importance of staying in school. He coordinates a team of 107 company volunteers in a stay-in-school program called "Choices," reaching 50,000 ninth graders since its start in 1987. Its goal is to reduce the ninth grade dropout rate of 40 percent.

In talking to students, Hogue said volunteers stress the long-term benefits of receiving an education and emphasize to the young people that the "choice" to succeed is theirs to make.

For his many years of professional service and his extensive work as a volunteer for many worthwhile causes, Hogue has received numerous awards and honors.

He was chosen Jackson's Outstanding Young Man in 1976 and in 1988 he received the Mississippi Power and Light Company's Distin-

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McMullan, Keen Selected ECCC's Top Instructors

Mathematics instructor Mrs. Lois McMullan and Wallace Keen, who teaches Automated Manufacturing, have been selected 1990 Outstanding Academic and Vocational-Technical instructor, respectively, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The two East Central faculty members will be honored along with "Alumni of the Year" recipients and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees during the college's Homecoming activities which are scheduled Saturday, October 13.

Other honorees include Mrs. Jo McMullan Taylor of Forest, "Alumna of the Year;" Larry Hogue of Flowood, "Alumnus of the Year;" and Athletic Hall of Fame recipients Jeff Loper of Decatur, Richard Harris of Hickory, and Sherrell Ray Marshall of Jackson.

LOIS McMULLAN

Ever since she was a young child, Lois Foster McMullan has been "fascinated" with solving math problems, and she credits her dedication

LOIS McMULLAN

as a mathematics instructor to her father, the late Ray Foster.

"My dad loved math and I really enjoyed working problems and puzzles with him. He encouraged me to become a math teacher even though there weren't too many girls who majored in mathematics at that time. I always like the logic involved in working math problems," she said, "and, since I wanted to work with people, teaching mathematics seemed to be the perfect combination."

As East Central's "Outstanding Academic Instructor," Mrs. McMullan, a Union native, said she is "thrilled" to receive the honor.

"It is obviously a great honor to be chosen an outstanding instructor, and I am very proud of the recognition. But my greatest reward in teaching is seeing students succeed and do well in their chosen vocation. I also enjoy seeing former students who come back and visit," Mrs. McMullan said.

She added she continuously tries to improve her teaching and she is "always available" to provide assistance to all students.

Mrs. McMullan, who has 28 years teaching experience, began her career at Newton High School in 1962. After two years' service, she taught math at Decatur High School for six years before coming to East Central in 1970. At Decatur, she was twice named Star Teacher.

Receiving the outstanding academic instructor award during 1990 obviously has special meaning, as she was recognized for completing her 20th year on the community college campus in the spring of 1990.

Her classroom assignments include teaching algebra, trigonometry, differential equations, the real number system, and informal geometry and algebra. She serves as sponsor for Mu Alpha Theta, national honorary mathematics society.

Mrs. McMullan is active in various organizations, including the

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guished Service Award and M P & L's education programs were presented The Common Goals Award, which is Edison Electric Institutes Highest National Award for Community Responsibility.

An accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America, Hogue is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest and Who's Who in Jackson.

His civic activities are numerous and include service as Chairman of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce Education Committee; Distinguished President, former Lieutenant Governor and honorary life member of Optimist International; honorary life member of Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers; charter member of Flowood Exchange Club; Advisory Board member for the Jackson branch of Hinds Community College; and member of the YMCA Board of Directors. He also serves as alderman for the Town of Flowood, a position to which he was elected in 1989.

An active member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Hogue volunteered in December, 1988 for a two-week church mission trip to Jamaica to help Hurricane Gilbert victims. He also co-led, with his wife Sandra, in the 1988 creation of the "Happening," a statewide student-led spiritual retreat for teenagers in Mississippi.

Hogue, who attended East Central during the 1959-60 and 1960-61 school terms, credits the college with a lot of the success he has achieved today.

"Several things stand out in importance to me as I think back to the East Central days," Hogue said, "with probably the most important being the personal attention that is given by everyone at the college."

Hogue said when he attended East Central instructors "really cared" about a student's success and some faculty members actually assumed a "counseling role" in leading individuals in the right direction.

"I well remember Mr. (Ovid) Vickers being a great influence on me and thanks to him I had a direction in which to aim in choosing a career.

"One day Mr. Vickers approached me and said, in a deep voice, 'Hogue, what are you going to do with your life?' Well, I had no response and Mr. Vickers quickly said, 'Why don't you major in English?' I said okay so that's what I did," Hogue said.

Hogue also had words of praise for former English instructor Mrs. Alyne Simmons who was a "very warm and caring individual." He credits Mrs. Simmons with helping him make a "successful" transition from high school to college.

He is also grateful for the "discipline" that existed on the East Central campus, and remembered that only one night (Tuesdays) was designated as "date night."

"Although we did not especially like the discipline that was imposed, it was no doubt the best thing because some of us probably would have gotten out of control with too much freedom," Hogue said.

Under (then) President Arno Vincent, Hogue said not only was "loitering" not allowed but guys "could not even slow down" when walking past the girls' dorms!

At East Central Hogue was involved in various activities. He was a member of the drama club and won leading roles in the college productions of "Bus Stop" and "The Robe."

He was also sports editor of The Tom Tom, the campus newspaper; a student body officer, a Dean's List Scholar, and was elected a campus favorite.

After he graduated from East Central in 1961, Hogue attended Delta State University where he received a bachelors degree in English in 1963. He received a masters degree in Communication from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1969.

Hogue and his wife, the former Sandra Gilbreath of Jackson, have two children, Laura, 14, a freshman at Northwest Rankin; and Lisa, 12, a seventh grader at Northwest.

Hogue's family has been heavily involved in East Central. His father, Coyt, taught auto mechanics for many years at East Central. His sister, Carolyn, was an outstanding student and several of his first cousins also attended East Central.

Former Basketball Standouts Named To East Central Athletic Hall of Fame

Three former outstanding basketball players have been chosen for induction into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame and will join other honorees who will be recognized during the college's October 13, 1990 Homecoming Activities.

Those selected for the athletic honor include Jeff Loper of Decatur, Richard Harris of Hickory and Sherrell Ray Marshall of Jackson.

Others who will be honored during the noon luncheon and program on the Decatur campus include Mrs. Jo McMullan Taylor of Forest, selected "Alumna of the Year;" Larry Hogue of Jackson, chosen "Alumnus of the Year;" Mrs. Lois Foster McMullan, East Central math instructor who was named "Academic Instructor of the Year;" and Wallace Keen, ECCC automated manufacturing technology instructor who was voted "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor."

JEFF LOPER

Jeff Loper is regarded as the only person in the college's history to have played a sport for five years. A member of the college's first basketball, football and baseball teams, Loper is also recognized for playing in more games than any other East Central athlete. Excelling in all areas, he was most successful in basketball.

Loper, 82, began his athletic career at East Central at a time when the college was just beginning and the student body consisted of students enrolled not only in college but also in the Agricultural High School.

During the college's first session in 1928-29, the school was not a member of the state athletic association and competition included games with many senior colleges "and other schools that would play us," Loper said. Also during that first "outlaw" season, as it was called, none of the East Central athletes were eligible for post-season honors.

But during the next four years, recognition and various honors were bestowed upon Loper and the Warrior basketball team.

Loper, an All-State guard for four seasons, led East Central to the 1930-31 state championship. In recognition of his leadership and outstanding play during the title game, he was selected the tournament's most valuable player.

During the championship battle,

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Decatur Women's Progressive Club and Delta Kappa Gamma, serving as president for each club. She has also served as president of the East Central Community College Faculty Club, as secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association, and as East Central's representative to the Mississippi Association of Women in Higher Education. She is a member of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, where she has served as Sunday School teacher and G.A. leader.

The Union High School graduate attended East Central Community College and received a bachelors degree from Mississippi College. She obtained a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and she has also done post graduate work at USM and Mississippi State University.

While a student at East Central, Mrs. McMullan was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau. At MC, she was active in Alpha Chi and Kappa Delta Pi.

Mrs. McMullan's husband, Raymond, serves as East Central's Director of Admissions, Records and Research. They have a son, Mike, who is married and is a senior medical student at the University Medical Center; and a daughter, Sherri McMullan Russell, a mathematics teacher at Northwest Rankin High School.

WALLACE KEEN

Automated Manufacturing Technology instructor Wallace Keen said he was simply "flabbergasted and shocked" after being named as the "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor" for 1990.

Keen, 60, is in his first year as instructor in the recently created Automated Manufacturing Technology program, which represents the second "new" program of study which he has helped start and organize. Keen first came to East Central in 1983 and assisted in implementing the college's Electronics curriculum.

The Mendenhall native has an extensive background in his field, as he served 17-1/2 years for the IBM Corporation before retiring as Senior Engineer in 1981. Prior to joining IBM, Keen was employed as an Engineering Group Supervisor for the Philco Corporation from 1957-64.

At IBM, Keen worked almost 10 years on the automated design and manufacturing of components used for the Apollo Space Program. On three separate occasions IBM presented Keen with awards for "Outstanding Accomplishment."

Recognition of outstanding service also came from the U.S. Army Guided Missile School which twice honored Keen, who was rated in the upper 10 percent at all Guided Missile School instructors.

Keen also received two awards from the Philco Corporation for "Outstanding Accomplishment."

While most people his age would normally be thinking about retirement plans, Keen feels he is just beginning his career as he works to

WALLACE KEEN

populate and educate students in the Automated Manufacturing Technology program.

"I teach for one main reason: I want students to have the opportunity to develop their talents and benefit themselves and the businesses and industries located in the state. I especially emphasize to my students to stay in Mississippi," Keen said.

Keen, whose love for his work is evident by his enthusiasm and commitment to education, is constantly modifying and upgrading the equipment and curriculum in his program to meet the needs of modern technology.

"Automation is definitely the way to go to be competitive with foreign markets. Our goal is to make East Central a leading supplier of top-notch students in all technical fields by not only staying in the present level of technology but advancing past that level as well," he said.

In learning more about the new program of study, Keen has travelled extensively throughout the United States, visiting various colleges and industries and attending many workshops and seminars.

Keen is a graduate of the old Raymond Agricultural High School and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelors degree in science and education. He has also completed additional course work at Mississippi State University.

He is a member of Robotics International, Mississippi Community College Faculty Association, ECCC Faculty Club, Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Computer Association of America (CASA).

Keen and his wife, Nell, a retired English teacher, have one son, Dr. Wayne Keen, 28, a senior scientist for Semtec, Inc. in Huntsville, Alabama.

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the Decatur squad outscored Copiah-Lincoln 27-22 on the Wesson campus. For his many contributions which led to the Warrior victory, Loper was praised for his "excellent floor work" in an article which appeared in the February 28, 1937 issue of The Clarion Ledger. The Stratton native was also mentioned above the article with the words, "Loper Stars" included in the story's headlines.

Loper's Coach (Richard Baxter) and his teammates obviously held him in highest regard as he was selected team captain for each of the four seasons. Not only was Loper regarded an outstanding team leader, but he was also a leading pointmaker, having averaged about 20 points per game.

Loper said the sport of basketball has obviously changed a great deal over the past 10 years.

Besides the notable difference in size, speed and strength, Loper, who stood 5'11" and weighed about 170 pounds, handled "jump ball" responsibilities after each shot was made.

"Back then every time someone made a shot, we had to have a jump ball at center court and I was the designated jumper," Loper said.

Loper not only excelled in basketball but he also played baseball and football.

Baseball was first organized at East Central during the 1928-1929 season and Loper was a first team starter for three years in the second base position.

Loper was also a member of the college's first football team which was organized in 1929. He played fullback and end on the Warrior squad for two seasons.

Following his athletic career, Loper enrolled at the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor of science degree. Loper did not participate in senior college athletics as he taught and coached during regular school terms and attended college at night and summer semesters.

His coaching and teaching career spanned almost 35 years, beginning in 1935.

He began his coaching career at Stratton and later directed athletic teams at Erin, Ringgold, Union, Pachuta, Decatur, Biloxi and Meridian.

Loper's greatest coaching success came at Decatur where he led the boys' basketball team to a 136-80 record during a seven-year period. His 1955 squad went to the state tournament but was defeated in a close game with Wheeler, the eventual state champion.

His football teams also competed for conference honors each season with many of his players later becoming standouts at East Central.

Along with his coaching duties Loper also served as principal or teacher during his 35-year career.

Loper's final years as coach and teacher were served at Kate Griffin Junior High in Meridian where he was fondly referred to as "Coach Jeff." He spent 10 years at Kate Griffin where he led the "Baby Kitten" program until retiring in 1966.

Loper said he has spent most of his retirement years playing golf, and even today he can be seen as a regular on the Decatur course.

He is married to the former Lois Ray Faulk and they have a daughter, Mrs. Eddie Ray Weber who lives in California. Mrs. Loper and her daughter also attended East Central.

RICHARD HARRIS

Not only did Richard Harris enjoy a successful career playing basketball at Hickory, East Central and Delta State, but his career as a coach the past 30 years has been marked by many state and conference championships. And if past accomplishments are a successful indicator, then the new Newton County (formerly

RICHARD HARRIS

Decatur High) High School girls' basketball coach will obviously continue his winning tradition.

Harris, 58, was an All-State performer at Hickory High School before he began his college hoop career at East Central in 1950.

An All-State guard at East Central during the 1950-51 and 1951-52 seasons, Harris said he felt "very fortunate" to have played for Coach Arno Vincent who used "a lot of psychology" and "that tone of voice" which "made you want to play!"

During his freshman season, Harris said the Warriors had won "about 13 straight" games until 10 of 15 team members were mobilized for military service in the National Guard. Harris said his freshman year the Warrior squad featured "a lot of good players."

Besides playing basketball, Harris also played third base and pitcher for the Diamond Warriors.

Following his East Central career, Harris signed a scholarship to attend Delta State where he also played basketball and baseball.

A two-year starter, Harris averaged about 13 points per game his junior year as the Statesmen recorded an 18-6 overall record. During his senior season, Harris averaged about 14 points per game as Delta State rolled to a 20-5 mark.

Harris continued his basketball playing career as part of his military service and was selected to the All Seventh Army Team in Europe in 1955-56.

Harris' outstanding coaching career began at St. Martin High School in 1957. In 1960 he came to Hickory High School where he remained until 1987. At both schools his teams won 17 conference titles. Three of his Hickory squads (1963-64, 1964-65 and 1973-74) had even greater success by capturing state championships.

He retired in 1987 but came out of retirement to coach at Clarke College. After one season he left Clarke to become girls' basketball coach at Decatur High School for the 1989-90 school year. The one year at Decatur was obviously a momentous season as the Lady Warriors rolled to a 30-4 overall mark and captured the State Class 2A Championship.

Overall, Harris has had 14 teams to compete in the State Championship tournament. His overall record (girls' and boys' teams combined) is 1230 wins and 465 losses.

His coaching accomplishments have not gone unnoticed as he was selected Mississippi Association of Coaches' "Coach of the Year" for 1985-86 and 12 times he was chosen "conference Coach of the Year." He also served as girls' coach in the annual Mississippi Association of Coaches' All-Star game in 1965 and 1973. He served as Cherokee Conference president during 1974-75. His teaching abilities have also been recognized as he was selected "Star Teacher" in 1980.

Harris said his coaching philosophy is basically pretty simple.

"I stress to my players to work hard and feel good about themselves but don't forget their teammates. We all win as a team and we all lose as a team and all we can do is our best. I also try not to get too upset at my players," Harris said.

The outstanding high school coach said the "highlight" of his coaching career has been winning the four state titles.

"I have really been blessed with a fine group of athletes over the years," he said. "I am also thankful to have had the opportunity to have played under a great high school coach Frank Hodges," Harris said.

Harris is married to the former Mary Jo Crawford of Decatur and they have two sons, Ricky and Phil; two grandsons, Dustin and Dylan; and two granddaughters, Amanda and Melissa.

SHERRELL RAY MARSHALL

During his East Central playing days in the 1958-59 and 1959-60 basketball seasons, he was commonly referred to as the "Warrior Gunner."

And what a "gunner" he was as Philadelphia native Sherrell Ray Marshall, 51, of Jackson blistered the junior college backboards and became the league's second-leading scorer with a 24.6 per game average his sophomore season. During that 1959-60 season, Marshall, a 6-3 forward, led the Warriors to the North Mississippi Division Championship. At East Central, Marshall was coached by All-American Denver Brackeen.

Marshall's basketball skills were first developed at Philadelphia High School where he played for Coach Frank Hodges. Marshall received numerous honors at Philadelphia following the 1957-58 season, including All-State and All-District and he was selected on the Mississippi High School All-Star Team which he served as captain.

But probably the biggest highlight of that 1957-58 season was Philadelphia's 75-74 comeback win over Coffeeville for the state championship. Going into the state championship battle, Philadelphia posted a 39-4 record while Coffeeville had notched 50 straight wins.

Marshall said he remembers his first day on the East Central campus and said the first person he met was Billy Frank Alford of Morton, and now of Forest, who later became not

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Recent Alumni Happenings

Kelly Hicks Boggan has received her M.D. degree from the University Medical Center. Kelly is the daughter of former faculty member Glenn Hicks.

David Boydston has become the Manager of Accounts for Taylor Machine Works in Louisville.

Maury Gunter was appointed by Governor Ray Mabus to the Board of Registration Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. The appointment is for four years.

General Denver Brackeen gave the 1990 graduation address at Hickory High School. This was the final graduation at Hickory as the school is now a part of the Newton County High School.

Jeff Wall has received the McMullan Banking Award at the University of Mississippi. The award is given by the School of Business.

Mazine Moore Winstead has been elected President of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. This is her second time to hold the office.

Wade Scott has been awarded the James F. Brounlee Memorial Scholarship in the school of Engineering at Mississippi State University. Wade is majoring in Civil Engineering.

Sam Bounds, Edna Pascal and Sylvia Humphreys have been appointed to the Board of Directors of the E. L. Morgan Foundation.

Marcus Lee Abel has been awarded a scholarship by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. Marcus is a Poultry Science major at Mississippi State University.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith was recently honored by the Murray Chapel Church of God for his services as a community leader in the town of Decatur and in Newton County.

Mary Lynn Bagley has accepted a position as Executive Director of the Forest Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chris Gilmer is now a staff writer with the Scott County Times.

Robert Ervin Smith received the Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Mississippi at the summer commencement. Robert is the son of long-time faculty member J.E. Smith.

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only his teammate but friend as well.

The "Warrior Gunner" said Coach Bracken "was always on our case" about "shooting too much and not getting enough rebounds."

Following his graduation from East Central, Marshall received a

SHERRELL RAY MARSHALL

scholarship to Mississippi College where he continued his basketball career under Coach James "Stute" Allen. At MC, Marshall, a two-year letterman, averaged 20.9 points per game and was the team's second leading scorer during both seasons. He was selected team co-captain. In 1962 he was named to the Birmingham Mid-Winter Classic All Tournament Team, after having led Mississippi College to a victory in the same tournament.

After receiving his bachelors degree in education, Marshall then began his coaching and teaching career in Leakesville, where he was a head coach for the high school boys' and girls' basketball teams of the Green County School System. He also taught history classes.

In 1965 he accepted the head basketball coaching position at Petal High School, coaching both boys' and girls' teams, and teaching social studies. In 1970 he was selected to coach the Mississippi High School All-Star Team and in the same year he was chosen "Coach of the Year" in the DeSoto Conference.

Marshall is one of the few people to have played and later coached in a Mississippi High School All-Star Game.

"I'm really proud of the fact that I was fortunate enough to play and coach in the All-Star Game. It's an honorI will always cherish," Marshall said.

Marshall retired from coaching and teaching in 1970 and accepted a position as Collection and Recovery Officer (Assistant Cashier) at First Mississippi National Bank in Hattiesburg.

Marshall left First Mississippi in 1976 and went into partnership with his wife, Mary, to form Automobile Recovery Bureau, Inc. in Jackson and Biloxi.

"I really owe a lot to Paul McMullan (then Chairman of the Board at First Mississippi) for getting me started in the automobile recovery business," Marshall said, who also operates Mississippi Detectives out of Jackson.

> "I'm really proud of the fact that I was fortunate enough to play and coach in the All-Star Game."

Marshall's success in the automobile recovery business is well recognized as he was recently elected President of National Finance Adjusters, Inc. in Colorado Springs, Colorado for 1990-91. The corporation is a trade association that sets guidelines for the recovery industry nationwide.

The Marshalls have two daughters, Pamela Marshall Leech of Mobile and Mischelle Alderman Martin of Jackson; a son, Sherrell "Butch" Ray Marshall, Jr. of Hattiesburg; and four grandchildren, Brittney Ray Martin, Curtis "Trey" Vaughn Martin, III, John "Scooter" Harman Leech, Jr., and Jordan Marshall Leech.

WEDDING BELLS

Lisa Rene Bailey ('89) and Kevin Smith
Dana Michelle Bates ('89) and Leonard Devon Johnston
Kathy Dawn Benson and Marty Alan Crawford ('88)
Lisa Kay Branning ('90) and Mark Thomas Hagan ('90)
Rhonda Brewer and Maxwell T. Gunn ('87)
Martha Lynn Burton ('79) and Douglas Creed McDougal
Annie Ruth Cager ('75) and Carl Davis Buckley
Pam Chamblee ('89) and Clifford Puckett
Karen Collier and Michael W. Boggan ('85)
Stephanie Copeland ('87) and Joseph Addy ('86)
Sonya Renaw Crowther ('89) and Randy Earl Carson
Else Daughterty ('88) and Daniel Renfro ('87)
Lisa Earline Emmons ('88) and James Pierce Rainer ('89)
Angela Fountain ('90) and Spear Gilmer, Jr.
Margo Lynn Freeny ('88) to Joseph Brian Crosby
Sarah Gardner and Dan Hamm ('89)
Amanda Gibbs and John Michael Blount ('90)
Penny Michelle Graham ('89) and Jessie Dale Scott ('89)
Terry Dionne Hudnall and Douglas Delshon Evans ('90)
Rhonda Ann Jones ('89) and Jerry Dale Butler, Jr.
Tamme Lee and Luke Parks ('85)
Marsha Maxey ('88) and Roy Keith Rogers ('84)
Angell Dawn Posey ('90) and Terry Wayne Gilmer ('90)
Kelly Renae Prine and Michael Lavon Miller ('90)
Andrea Sheryl and John David West ('88)
Courtney Ann Smith ('87) and John Wayne Horton, Jr.
Betty Gail Vance ('86) and David Tracy Federick
Jeannie Michelle Walsh ('89) and Dewayne Brantley Hamil
Teri Walton ('89) and Charles Lamar Gieb
Alecia Carol Williamson ('87) and Brian Kevin Voge
Deborah Lynn Wolverton ('90) and Randall Kevin Rigdon.

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Alumni Officials Plan Homecoming Activities

Plans for Homecoming, 1990 were among topics discussed by the East Central Community College Alumni Association Board of Directors which held its 1990 spring meeting on the Decatur campus. The group discussed various activities which are planned for the annual Homecoming celebration which takes place Saturday, October 13. Board members include, seated from left, Mrs. Patsy Clark of Louisville, Winston County representative; Mrs. Brenda Carson of Decatur, ECCC faculty club chairman; Earl Marshall of Clinton, president; Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Gloria McRae of Carthage, past president; standing, from left, Ed Eichelberger of Forest, Scott County representative; Paul Chamblee of Carthage, Leake County representative; Dr. Brad Tucker of Decatur, ECCC dean of instruction; John Adcock of Meridian, ECCC vocational-technical counselor who provides reports on recruitment; Dan Harrison of Newton, Newton County representative; Larry Payne of Clinton, out-of-district representative; James Vance of Meridian, out-of-district representative; Dr. Eddie M. Smith of Decatur, ECCC president; Dr. Phil Sutphin of Decatur, ECCC dean of students; Skippy Lathem of Morton, vice president; and sophomore Hal Land of Louisville, student body association president. Not pictured is Gary Adkins of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative.

Chris Gilmer Joins Scott County Times Staff

Chris Gilmer has joined the staff of The Scott County Times in Forest, announced publisher Sid Salter.

"Chris interned with our paper while he was in college in 1986 and we were impressed with his abilities then," sad Salter. "We're delighted to have a Scott Countian return to work at his hometown newspaper. We know he'll do a fine job here."

Gilmer is the 25-year-old son of Charles and Peggy Gilmer of Harperville. He is a 1983 Highest Honor graduate of Forest High School, a 1985 honor graduate of East Central Community College, and a 1987 honor graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in print journalism and English.

In 1989, Gilmer received the Master of Arts degree in English with an emphasis in creative writing from Mississippi College. For his thesis, he submitted a collection of fiction.

While pursuing his master's degree, Gilmer was a teaching assistant in the Mississippi College Department of English; upon receiving his degree in May of 1989, he joined the faculty as an instructor, teaching courses in writing and literature.

Recently Gilmer was accepted into the doctoral program in creative writing at the University of Southern Mississippi Center for Writers where he began work on his doctorate in late August. While attending classes part-time, Gilmer will work at The Times while he completes his education.

At East Central, Gilmer served as editor of the The Tom Tom and was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, ECCC Players and Phi Theta Kappa. During Awards Day activities he received several honors, including induction into the college's Hall of Fame.

"I spent two very good years at East Central and found friendship that still thrives today. I also received a quality education without having to leave home, an education that well prepared me to attend USM. I am a big fan of what is going on at East Central," Gilmer said.

CHRIS GILMORE

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"With You in Mind Through the Nineties"

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 13, 1990

8:30 A.M. Golf Tournament

9:00 A.M. Registration of Guests Begins - Sullivan Center

10:00 A.M. Reunion Groups Meet

1. 1940 National Guard Company - Fine Arts 503
2. 1975-76 ECJC Women's State Championship Basketball Team - Home Economics Department
3. 1958 and 1959 ECJC Football Teams - Newton Hall
4. All Classes Ending in "0"
   - Class of 1930 Diamond Anniversary Reunion
   - Class of 1940 Golden Anniversary Reunion - Fine Arts Auditorium
   - Class of 1950 - Library Lounge
   - Class of 1960 - Library Reading Area
   - Class of 1970 - Newton Hall 105
   - Class of 1980 - Newton Hall 90
   - Class of 1990 - Newton Hall 92

11:00 A.M. The Warrior Club - All Former Athletes and Current Supporters of Athletics at East Central Brackeen-Wood Building

11:30 A.M. Luncheon for Head Table

12:00 Noon Alumni Luncheon

- Invocation
- Welcome and Introductions
- Recogition of Homecoming Queen and Court
- Nominating Committee Report and Election of Alumni Officers
- Recognition of Special Alumni
  - Oldest Alumni Present
  - Alumni Traveling Furtherest
  - Largest Alumni Family Group Present
- Recognition of Reunion Classes and Groups
- Presentation of Trophies in Golf and Tennis Tournament
- Faculty of the Year Awards
- Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees' Recognition
- Presentation of Alumna of the Year Award
- Presentation of Alumnus of the Year Award
- Adjournment for Football Game

2:30 P.M. Football Game - Warrior Stadium - ECCC Warriors vs. Pearl River Community College Wildcats - Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court and Distinguished Alumni

After Game Reception - Mabry Cafeteria - Alumni, Faculty, Students and Friends are Invited

Monday-Friday, October 8-13, Homecoming Tennis Tournament

1990 FALL BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, September 18	Clarke	Away	3:00
Friday, September 21	Belhaven	Away	2:00
Tuesday, September 25	Miss. College	Away	4:00
Tuesday, October 2	Jones	Home	4:00
Monday, October 8	East Miss	Away	4:00
Monday, October 16	East Miss	Home	4:00
Thursday, October 18	Belhaven	Home	2:00
Monday, October 22	USM	Away	TBA

1991 SPRING BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, February 26	Clarke	Away	1:00
Friday, March 1	Mary Holmes	Away	12:00
Saturday, March 2	Itawamba	Home	1:00
Tuesday, Marcy 5	Co-Lin	Away	1:00
Wednesday, March 6	Wallace-Selma	Home	3:00
Thursday, March 7	Wallace-Selma	Home	3:00
Saturday, March 9	Southwest	Home	3:00
Tuesday, March 19	Jackson State	Home (Single)	7:00
Wednesday, March 20	Jackson State	Home (Single)	7:00
Friday, March 22	Mary Holmes	Home	4:00
Saturday, March 23	Hinds	Home	3:00
Monday, March 25	3-Rivers	Home	3:00
Wednesday, March 27	Jones	Away	1:00
Friday, March 29	Itawamba	Away	3:00
Saturday, April 2	Gulf Coast	Home	4:00
Saturday, April 6	Pearl River	Away	3:00
Monday, April 8	Holmes	Away	1:00
Wednesday, April 10	Co-Lin	Home	4:00
Saturday, April 13	Southwest	Away	1:00
Monday, April 15	Clarke	Home	4:00
Saturday, April 20	Hinds	Away	4:00
Monday, April 22	Holmes	Home	4:00
Wednesday, April 24	Jones	Home	3:00
Saturday, April 27	Gulf Coast	Away	4:00
Tuesday, April 30	Pearl River	Home	

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Decatur, Mississippi

1990 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME
August 30	Delta	Decatur	Thursday	7:30
Sept. 8	Co-Lin	Wesson	Saturday	6:30
Sept. 15	Gulf Coast	Decatur	Saturday	7:30
Sept. 22	Coahoma	Decatur	Saturday	7:30
Sept. 27	Holmes	Goodman	Thursday	7:00
Oct. 6	Hinds	Raymond	Saturday	6:00
Oct. 13	*Pearl River	Decatur	Saturday	2:30
Oct. 20	Southwest	Summit	Saturday	7:30
Oct. 27	Jones	Decatur	Saturday	7:30
Nov. 1	Northeast	Booneville	Thursday	6:30

*HOMECOMING
A.J. Kilpatrick, Head Football Coach
Tony Triplett, Assistant
Brad Bradshaw, Assistant

1990-91 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME
November 5	East Mississippi	Decatur	Monday	
November 7	Miss. Delta	Decatur	Wednesday	
November 9	East Central Tournament	Decatur	Friday	
November 10	East Central Tournament	Decatur	Saturday	
November 13	East Mississippi	Scooba	Tuesday	
November 19	Northeast Miss. Tournament (Men Only)	Booneville	Monday	
November 20	Northeast Miss. Tournament	Booneville	Tuesday	
November 27	Rhodes College (Men Only)	Southhaven	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
December 3	*Miss. Gulf Coast	Perkinston	Monday	
December 6	*Jones	Decatur	Thursday	
December 10	Miss. Delta	Moorhead	Monday	
January 4	Jones Tournament	Ellisville	Friday	
Januray 5	Jones Tournament	Ellisville	Saturday	2:00 p.m.
January 10	*Copiah Lincoln	Decatur	Thursday	2:00 p.m.
January 14	*Southwest	Summit	Monday	
January 17	*Pearl River	Decatur	Thursday	
January 21	*Hinds	Utica	Monday	
January 24	*Miss. Gulf Coast	Decatur	Thursday	
January 28	*Jones	Ellisville	Monday	
January 31	Rhodes College (Men Only)	Decatur	Thursday	
February 4	*Copiah Lincoln	Wesson	Monday	
February 7	*Southwest	Decatur	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
February 11	*Pearl River	Poplarville	Monday	
February 14	*Hinds	Decatur	Thursday	
February 18-21	South Division Tournament	Poplarville	Monday	
February 25-26	State Tournament	TBA	Thursday	
March 4-7	Regional XXIII Tournament	TBA	Mon.-Thurs.	

ALL GAMES ARE DOUBLEHEADERS
ALL GAMES ARE AT 6:00 P.M. (Women) and 7:45 (Men)
WOMEN'S COACH - SAMMY PACE; MEN'S COACH - JAY BOWEN
*CONFERENCE GAMES

Gordon Receives Doctorate Degree

GARY GORDON

Gary Gordon, an East Central alumnus who now serves as high school principal at Forest High School, recently completed his Doctorate in Education Administration and Supervision at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Gordon also holds an Associate of Arts Degree from East Central, a Bachelor of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi, and Masters and Specialist Degrees from William Carey College.

The Forest principal has spent his life in the field of education. He has served as teacher and coach at Taylorsville High School and as Assistant Principal at R. H. Watkins High School in Laurel. From 1980 to 1984 he held the position of High School Principal at Bay Springs High School in Bay Springs, Mississippi.

Believing that an educator should be a member of the organizations related to his profession, Gordon is a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Mississippi Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

In his home and community, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, and in the Forest Baptist Church he serves on the Board of Deacons and teaches a Sunday School class in the adult Sunday School Division.

Gordon is married to the former Linda Denson, and they have one daughter, Ginger Michelle, who is a seventeen-year-old student in the Forest High School.

Being a high school principal is not the only contribution Gordon makes to education in Mississippi. He has throughout his career been in demand as a speaker at conferences across the state. He has also participated in several Mississippi Educational Television Documentaries including "Education: The Way Up" and "Writing Across the Curriculum." While at Bay Springs, Gordon wrote a proposal concerning "Writing Across the Curriculum" which he submitted to the Phil Hardin Foundation. The program was funded by the Foundation, and the monies were sufficient to implement a Writing Across the Curriculum Program in the Bay Springs High School.

While at East Central, Gary Gordon was an outstanding student and a campus leader. He was a member of both the basketball and baseball teams and was elected a campus favorite during his freshman year. During his sophomore year, Gordon was selected by his fellow students as Mr. East Central Junior College, the highest compliment the student body can pay to a fellow student.

Gordon quickly points out that East Central exerted a decided influence on his life and helped him determine that he wanted to spend his life in the field of education.

Do You Recognize These People?

These students and a certain instructor are pictured at a Valentine's Dance held in February, 1957. Can you identify each person?

Persons pictured are, seated from left, Torris Lyle of Hillsboro, Alice Gipson of Philadelphia, English instructor Ovid Vickers, Bobbie Fay Oliphant of Philadelphia, Alice Gilbert of Forest, and, standing from left, Eugenia Carleton of Forest and Carol Pace of Decatur.

Burton Serves As Pageant Host

Newton Mayor Terry Burton, who also serves as assistant manager of WQST radio station in Forest, served as Master of Ceremonies for the 1990 State Mississippi Hospitality Pageant held this summer in Starkville.

Burton, an East Central alumnus, shared hosting duties with Cara Milligan of WCBI television. The annual pageant was broadcast "live" on television.

Burton is also a popular radio announcer at WQST and is widely known for his many characters, including the infamous "Red C" and "Tyrone Shoelaces."

Chosen To Compete

Gloria Jackson of Carthage, formerly of Lake, represented the Faces Model Agency in New York during the annual Modeling Association of America International Competition. She was chosen to compete in Runway, Television Commercial, and Photography and won honors in each division. She also received call backs from agencies in New York and California. Gloria presented Faces in the Mid-South's Model Competition held in July in Atlanta.

Headmaster Named At Newton Academy

Malcolm C. Phillips has begun his first year as headmaster for Newton County Academy in Decatur. Phillips brings to the school a vast amount of experience in teaching, coaching, and administration.

A native of Newton, Phillips graduated from Newton High School and played all sports. He earned All-Southern honors in football under the direction of Coach E.L. Morgan, who Phillips says was a great influence to him.

After high school, Phillips served in the Marine Corps during World War II. When he had completed his service time, Phillips played football for East Central Community College and Memphis State University where he earned a bachelors and masters degrees along with additional credit.

Phillips taught 14 years in the Memphis city school system before serving seventeen years as Director of Personnel and Labor Relations. He retired in 1980 and spent the next seven years teaching and coaching football in private schools, Memphis Prep and Briarcrest High School. He then retired again and moved back to Mississippi.

Observe Golden Anniversary

Former East Central instructors Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Simmons are shown during a reception held in their honor on the observance of the couple's 50th wedding anniversary on June 9, 1990.

Beavers Serve As Summer Missionaries

When Johnny and Candie Beaver married last December, they felt that God had a special mission for them this summer. Through much thought and prayer, God led them to apply to the Home Mission Board to serve as summer missionaries. They were appointed to one of the most beautiful states next to Mississippi, Arkansas.

Fayetteville, Arkansas is nestled in the northwest corner of Arkansas in the Ozark Mountains and is home of the University of Arkansas. According to Johnny and Candie, Arkansas people are as beautiful as the and. They are enjoying serving their ord in and with His beautiful creations this summer.

The work Johnny and Candie are n call on them to serve in several ifferent capacities. Each week they ork at a Vacation Bible School or o. They have taught almost every e at this point. Johnny has shared ble stories and has led a few angelical services. Candie has nd just how creative she can be ile working with crafts for children of all ages.

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Johnny has been blessed with many opportunities to preach. Candie has worked with Johnny in skits and in giving her testimony.

This summer will end with an associational youth camp and a trip home with two weeks left to move to their new home in Hattiesburg. They are both enrolled at the University of Southern Mississippi as juniors. After USM, Johnny plans to enter seminary and Candie hopes to be teaching high school students.

The continued support of friends, family and most of all their home church, is important in the Beaver's ministry. The love, support and most of all prayers, keep their ministry a joy.

Candie and Johnny are members of First Baptist Church of Lake with Reverend Kenneth McLemore as their pastor.

Johnny is the son of Mickey and Shirley Beaver of Forest. Candie is the daughter of Mrs. Pearl Beckham of Edinburg. They are both honor graduates of ECCC.

Gardner Receives Degree From Baptist Theological Seminary

Arlen Vaughan Gardner of Union, received the Master of Divinity degree on May 18, 1990 at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Gardner, married to the former Virginia Joyce Meli of Boston, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon P. Gardner of Union.

The seminary offers associates, masters and doctoral degrees in Biblical studies, theology, pastoral ministry, church history, religious education, counseling and music. It is owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention and it is fully accredited.

Gardner's home church is First Baptist Church in Union. He holds the Associate of Arts degree from Clarke College, Newton, and the Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton.

Mrs. Winstead Reelected State President of NARFE

Mazine Moore Winstead has been reelected for a second term as president of the Mississippi Federation of Chapters, National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

A native of Philadelphia, Mrs. Winstead graduated from Laurel Hill Elementary School with both scholastic and athletic honors and Laurel Hill High School as valedictorian of her class of 1943.

She attended college at East Central Junior College in Decatur; Draughons Business College in San Antonio, Texas; Twentieth Century Business College in Mobile, Ala.; Meridian Community College in Meridian; American University in Washington, D.C.; and Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va.

She owned a real estate business under the name, Mazine M. Winstead Realty Company, Union and also passed the state exam in Virginia for a real estate license.

Mrs. Winstead retired from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., April 1978, after having worked for the U.S. Air Force and Internal Revenue Service, Las Vegas, Nev., and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Choctaw Agency, Philadelphia, where she won an Outstanding Performance Award with compensation and monetary awards for suggestions turned into the agency.

In 1990-91 she was reelected for the second term as president of the Mississippi Federation of Chapters, NARFE, the first to be reelected for a second term in the history of the federation.

She was first vice president of the federation in 88-89 and District Three representative in 87-88.

Mrs. Winstead is past president of Philadelphia Chapter 1251, NARFE; served as president of the Laurel Hill School reunion for seven years; currently president of the Clay Bluff Art Association of Philadelphia, having previously served a two-year term; past president of the Chaumont AFB; France, Wives's Club, and past president of the Chaumont AFB Elementary School PTA.

She is a member of the Neshoba Chapter, 3-088-MS, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of Guilford Chapter 301, Greensboro, N.C., United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She and her husband were charter members of the First Southern Baptist Church, Las Vegas, Nev., organized in 1955, where she served as church clerk, treasurer of the building fund, sang in the choir, secretary of the Sunday School Department, and worked with the young people in church training.

In 1985, she and her husband attended the 30th anniversary celebration of the First Southern Baptist Church in Las Vegas, where they were honored for their pioneer efforts in God's work while serving their country in the military.

She has taught Sunday School, worked in church training, and vacation Bible school in each church in which they have been members using annual leave to lead the singing in vacation Bible school at Pine Grove Baptist Church for several years.

She was also church song leader and choir director in both the Pine Grove Baptist Church, Union and Bethsaida Baptist Church, Philadelphia, for a number of years.

Other churches where she served were:

San Jacinto Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas; First Baptist Church, Adel, Ga.; Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian; Hurtel Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., and Handsboro Baptist Church, Gulfport.

She was also involved in all phases of service at the Chapel of Itaxuke AFB, Japan, and Chaumont AFB, France, where her husband served during his 20 years' service in the Air Force.

Mrs. Winstead does landscape and still life painting in oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastels. While president of the Clay Bluff Art Association, Philadelphia, she organized an Edna Mayo Day to honor Mrs. Edna Mayo, her art teacher, for her service to Philadelphia in teaching art to adults and school children over a period of 55 years.

Mrs. Winstead has made several quilts in cross-stitch and won many blue ribbons on her art work at fairs and other contests. She is co-author of a book on the history of her family entitled: Levi Moore Descendants 1802-1975 and is currently writing a book on the history of her grandmother Moore's family, to be entitled: Update - Aldermans in America. She is a published poet for the Great American Poetry Anthology by John Campbell, editor and publisher, 1988.

She is married to Elmo Murray Winstead of House and they have two adopted sons, two granddaughters, two step-grandsons and one foster-grandson. She is a member of Antioch Baptist Church, Union.

Scotty Goldman Elected Baptist Campus Minister

A Mississippian, Scotty W. Goldman, has been elected Baptist campus minister at Livingston University and director of missions for Bigbee Baptist Association. Goldman, 28, began his duties August 1.

He recently was graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. His undergraduate work was at East Central Junior College, Decatur and Mississippi State University, Starkville.

He has served as an associate Baptist Student Union director, BSU summer missionary, and music, youth, and summer activities director. He also has been a teacher assistant and elementary school teacher. While in seminary, he was a child care coordinator for the Arlington, Texas, YMCA.

Goldman is married to the former Rita Dobbs. He and his wife are from Philadelphia.

He will be involved in program planning and program and organizational management as Baptist student director, and in program planning, and program management and promotion as director of associational missions.

Shealy Receives Taylor Machine Promotion

The promotion of Rod Shealy to manager of manufacturing engineering at Taylor Machine Works of Louisville has been announced by W.A. "Lex" Taylor, III, president of the firm.

Shealy, a resident of Philadelphia joined Taylor in 1973 as an industrial engineer. He has served as a senior industrial engineer since 1974.

A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg with a bachelor of science degree, Shealy has obtained additional training in programming and operation of the computer numerical control machine tools utilized by the Louisville based industrial equipment manufacturer. He has been a member and active officer of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers since 1977 including terms as a chapter chairman, zone chairman, and chapter liaison representative.

He and his wife, Barbara, have one child, Amy.

Smith Named To Who's Who

Chuck Lambert, Chairman of the advisory board of "Who's Who in Mississippi, Inc." recently announced that Burris Olen Smith of Louisville has been selected to be inducted into the prestigious recognition publication, "Who's Who in Mississippi." The beautifully embossed handbound publication is published in historic Monticello, by former State Representative Ted Lambert and his family and is comprised of personal profiles summarizing the achievements and honors attained by the recipients of this special honor. Only a select number of Mississippians are chosen to appear in this publication.

The professional achievements and service in the field of Law by Smith has distinguished him as a predominant figure in Mississippi. The entire advisory board of Who's Who in Mississippi joins the family, friends and associates of Smith in extending their heartfelt congratulations and thanks for his unselfish devotion to duty and honor that is helping to make Mississippi and its communities a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Louisville Native Hangs Up 'Wings Of Gold'

U.S. Navy Captain Charles E. Ward, a native of Louisville but now of Pensacola, Fla., retired from a decorated 30-year career of service to his country Friday, June 29, during a change of command and retirement ceremony.

Capt. Ward, who for three years has been commanding officer of Naval Education and Training Program Management Support activity (NETPMSA), Saufley Field, bade farewell to the Navy and retired his naval aviator's "Wings of Gold." He was relieved of his command by Capt. Patricia A. Lee.

Ward was an honor graduate of Louisville High School in 1955. His graduation year, he was named "most Athletic Graduating Senior" and was the recipient of a Rotary Club Scholarship as "Most Outstanding Graduating Senior." During his years at LHS, he played football, baseball and basketball.

Capt. Ward is the son of Hilda Ward, and the late O. J. Ward of Louisville. He was born the second of three sons, and the second of 10 children.

After graduation from LHS, he attended East Central Junior College and Louisiana College on athletic scholarships where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics while lettering four years in baseball and three years in football at LC. He was the captain of the football team his senior year, and was team captain of the baseball team his junior and senior years.

Upon completion of his degree in 1959, "Charlie" entered the Navy through Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. After earning his Navy commission as an officer, he volunteered for the first class of the Basic Naval Aviation Observer School - the forerunner of what is now known as Naval Flight Officer (NFO) training - at Naval Air Station Pensacola, one of four duty assignments over his 30-year career in northwest Florida.

One of his first duties as a civilian, after Friday's retirement ceremony, was to attend the 30th anniversary of the flight school's founding in 1960.

He attended the Naval Postgraduate School Monterey, Calif., during 1971-72 earning a Masters degree in Computer Systems Management. In 1977, he was named a Distinguished Graduate of the Naval War College.

Among some of his assignments as a naval officer included serving in USS MIDWAY (CV-41) when the ship became the first U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to be homeported overseas - at Yokosuka, Japan.

After serving as Fleet Anti-Air Warfare Officer on the staff of Commander, Seventh Fleet, also homeported in Japan, he was commanding officer of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 115. While serving aboard MIDWAY, he participated in the evacuation of Saigon.

Earlier, in this flying career, he flew as an observer in the EA-1E "Guppy" and later as Combat Information Center Officer in the E2A "Hawkeye".

He also served as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel. His other sea duties included deployments onboard USS ESSEX (CVS-9), USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CVS-39), USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65), and USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5).

Capt. Ward and his wife, Gail, are the parents of three children: Roger, 24; Mike, 22, and David, 18.

CAPTAIN AND MRS. CHARLES E. WARD

Phi Theta Kappa: Success Begins with the Faculty Advisor

Note: *The following article, written by East Central President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, appeared in a recent edition of The Community, Technical, and Junior College Times, a publication of The American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. Dr. Smith serves as Regional Ambassador for Phi Theta Kappa.*

By Eddie Smith, President East Central Community College

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community, technical, and junior college students, now has chapters on 800 campuses throughout the US and in several foreign countries. This unique society with over 35,000 members is the most energetic and respected organization promoting scholarship, fellowship, leaders, and service in our colleges. Phi Theta Kappa has without question contributed much to the overall credibility and growing prestige of community, technical, and junior colleges.

Many people have contributed to the success of Phi Theta Kappa as an honorary scholastic society. AACJC has started an exemplary partnership with the organization promoting National Student Scholars, for example. Chapter presidents, regional coordinators, national PTK staff, the nation's college presidents, and others have all played vital roles in promoting Phi Theta Kappa. However, there is one dedicated group that has taken the lead in developing Phi Theta Kappa into an upstanding, respected organization: the faculty advisors.

Faculty advisors are the ones who make the organization "tick." And often these key movers are overlooked when it comes to giving credit, praise, and other forms of recognition.

Because of the crucial role that the PTK faculty advisor plays in achieving an active, successful chapter, and because of the importance of having active, successful chapters of PTK on our two-year college campuses, we as institutional leaders must give more support and recognition to these individuals.

PTK faculty advisors should be carefully chosen, consistently nourished with positive reinforcement, and then appropriately recognized and rewarded when their successes come.

We have some work to do. Phi Theta Kappa and those who sponsor and advise our local chapters deserve positions of highest prominence on our campuses.

Retired.....But Not Resting!

"Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief, rich man, poor man, merchant, thief." The list of occupations for Jim Wood would be as long as the quoted nursery rhyme and would include athlete, enlisted man, officer, mail carrier, cattle farmer, technical service representative, and finally retired.

James (Jim) Wood (Class of 1948) played tackle for the East Central Junior College during 1946 and 1947. During 1946, he says, most of the team was made up of returning veterans, not from the previous season, but from World War II. "Most of the guys who played were several years older than I was, but the experience made for a mature team, and a successful one," he added.

Wood played for such well-remembered coaches as Carrol Shows, Snake Vines, Hilary Horne, and Arno Vincent.

His athletic experience served him well after he enlisted in the Air Force when Wood coached touch football, basketball and softball, all on the squadron level. Wood played basketball at Louisville High School for Coach Elzie Hinze when the team finished third in the state. This was during the time when schools went head-to-head in the state playoffs, regardless of size of enrollment.

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> *Jim Wood*

Wood enlisted in the Air Force March 3, 1949. Some of his buddies wanted him to join the Mississippi National Guard when they did. He opted for the Air Force and he spent the Korean War years in Germany while the guard served in Korea.

Wood's first duties were as an aircraft maintenance mechanic, a career choice that followed him after he completed Office Candidate School in December 1955 after serving almost seven years as an enlisted man.

After nine-months of aircraft maintenance school, Wood was sent to Germany to act as instructor in aircraft maintenance for the German Air Force as part of the MDAP (Mutual Defense Advisory Program) - one of three "plum" assignments with foreign armed forces Wood would have during his military career.

His assignment after leaving Germany was George Air Force Base, Calif., where he was assigned to a Wing using the F-104 Starfighter, the first operational airplane capable of flying Mach II, or twice the speed of sound.

A tour with the Royal Canadian Air Force as an exchange officer dealing with the F-104's J-79 engine was next for Wood. He served in Ottawa and was stationed at the Canadian equivalent of our Pentagon. One of the best thing about the Ottawa tour, according to Wood, was the chance to visit air bases throughout Canada and in Europe.

Bowling was "the" thing to do in Ottawa, besides, as Wood said, "For the first time after my commission, I had time to take up sports again."

Bowling came easy, mainly because, as Wood commented, "I spent lots of hours and money perfecting my hook." The hours of practice stood him in well as he consistently was a member of the winning team and carried a 170 plus average during his bowling career. Wood rolled a sanctioned 300 game during league play while stationed in Teagu, South Korea, and has a magnificent trophy to show for it.

From Ottawa Wood went to Homestead Air Force Base, near Miami, Fla., in 1965 with an Air Force Wing flying the F-100. 1966 saw the whole wing on its way to Tuy Hoa, South Vietnam, for a year. As a maintenance officer Wood was never really involved in combat but the base came under attack more than once.

Wood returned to Homestead when his tour on duty was over in Vietnam but before long it was time for another overseas assignment, this time as a member of the Air Force Military Advisory Group in South Korea. Wood acted as advisor on the F-4 Phantom and had an office on a ROKAF (Republic of Korea Air Force) base. His counterpart was Col. Kim Dong Ho, the ROKAF chief of maintenance for the base.

In Korea, golf was "the" thing to do so Wood took up golf. The golf course was across the street from the family's quarters in Taegu. He said it would have been almost criminal not to play when you could play 18 holes on Saturday morning, go home and have lunch, and then play 18 more holes that afternoon.

Wood continues his interest in golf today, usually walking and playing 18 holes a day. He played in the championship flight in August during the Louisville County Club Annual Tournament and won the first flight in the match play tournament a few years ago.

Norton Air Force Base in San Bernadino, Calif., was Wood's next assignment. He served as a member of the Air Force Inspector General's staff, an assignment that took him to bases all over the U.S. and the world. His job was to inspect the aircraft maintenance functions at various bases. He remembers inspecting the Mississippi Air Guard at Meridian close to the date of his retirement. This gave him an opportunity to visit Louisville again and make some decisions about houses etc.

1974 was the big year - retirement after 26 years in the Air Force with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and returning to Louisville to begin civilian life. This civilian life didn't mean sitting back and watching the grass grow. Wood managed a cattle herd and was rural mail carrier for several years. He was also a newspaper distributor for the Memphis Commercial Appeal and Jackson Clarion Ledger for a time. He joined Firestone in 1981 as a technical service representative (tech rep). His job was to visit automobile plants using the seat belts manufactured by Firestone in Louisville and help resolve any problems with the product.

In 1984 TRW bought out the Firestone interest in the Louisville plant and Wood continued to work for TRW until he retired - again - in 1989.

Life has not been as easy for Wood as you might think from reading about his career. A bout with throat cancer in 1975 and the resulting radiation treatment cause his larynx to deteriorate to the point he required a larynxgectomy in 1985 and uses a speech aid today. He continued to work and to travel after his larynxgectomy and refuses to be limited in what he can do.

This winter he adopted a walking routine that saw him walk every paved road in Winston county. That project, combined with playing golf when the weather permitted, resulted in his walking 1,496 miles and picking up 1,100 pounds of aluminum cans from January until July 18 of this year - a feat he says he doesn't intend to duplicate in 1991.

JIM WOOD

Throughout the years ECCC has meant much to Wood. Every member of his family - sisters Esther, Earline, Lorene, and Lucille - all graduated from ECCC. When Lucille coached ECCC's women's basketball team Wood attended nearly every game, including those played at Co-Lin and Perkinston. He also traveled to the regional games the team played in Tennessee.

ECCC football games nearly always find him in the stands, cheering on the Warriors with his wife, Ann, who serves on the ECCC Board of Trustees.

The Woods have two sons, James, who attended ECCC and is a member of the Hall of Fame and went on to be chosen a Stennis Scholar at Mississippi State University, and Scott, who attended MSU and is now working for Polo/Ralph Lauren in San Jose, Calif. James, a captain in the U.S. Army, is stationed in West Germany. The Woods have a trip planned to Germany this October.

After that - who knows. But you can be sure Wood will be about and doing something. Even at 62 and able to draw his social security Wood knows that "retired" doesn't have to mean "resting."

Bagley Leads Forest Chamber Of Commerce

Mary Lynn Bagley was recently hired as executive director at the Forest Chamber of Commerce. She previously served as interim director before being named for the full-time position.

Bagley, her husband Freddie and their three children, moved back "home" to Forest in June after living for about a year in Ocean Springs. Her family returned to Forest when her husband became president of Forest Bancorp.

"We are all glad to be back in Forest. It will take us a while to get resettled, but sometimes moving away can give you a new perspective. It makes you miss people and things that you might have taken for granted before, so in a way maybe I feel a stronger commitment to the area than ever," Bagley said.

She said that she accepted the new post because she grew up in Forest and is concerned about the people and the growth and progress of the area. "I know it will be an interesting and challenging job, and I hope I can be as successful as Sylvia Miller was before me. Sylvia did a tremendous job, and I hope to continue her good work," Bagley said.

Bagley is a graduate of Forest High School and East Central Community College. She worked for 13 years at Palmer Insurance Agency in Forest and said that she learned that any business is a service organization. "Service to your constituency is the most important factor in the success of any organization, and I will try to emphasize that at the Chamber," she said.

"A bonding agent between government, business, industry and the community" is how Bagley described the role of the Chamber. "I want to continue to foster a good working relationship with city government and local residents, to let them know that the Chamber is one part of a partnership in which all participants must cooperate," Bagley said, adding that she and the Chamber are willing to be a part of whatever projects will benefit the area.

Some of Bagley's goals are to work toward recruiting additional industries for the area and retaining local people in the area, particularly young career-oriented residents who often have a tendency to move away.

She said that the Chamber also serves as a reservoir of information about the area, and she hopes that it might "become a living room for the community" where residents can come to discuss their concerns and new-comers can learn about the area.

Some of Bagley's major responsibilities as director will be: the Broiler Festival, the annual membership banquet and the Christmas Parade. She said that the theme for this year's parade will be "The Songs of Christmas," and that more information will be available by late September.

MARY LYNN BAGLEY

The Chamber office is open in its new location at the renovated Forest railroad depot from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays, except Thursday when it closes at noon.

EC Alumnus Making His Mark As New York Interior Designer

His expertise is recognized worldwide. His firm's clients include such notables as Jackie Onassis, Joan Kennedy, Rex Harrison and William F. Buckley. As an interior designer he is obviously regarded as one of the best.

But success has definitely not changed Decatur native Sam Blount who has held on to his Southern style while making his mark in the highly competitive field of interior design in New York City. Blount is a partner in the prestigious decorating firm of Irvine and Fleming, Inc.

Blount, 40, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Blount of Decatur, attended East Central Community College during the 1968-69 school year. He later transferred to the University of Mississippi where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration.

The desire to learn about decorating soon led him to the New York School of Interior Design and later to the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida. He has also participated in various art history, architecture and design courses. Study in Europe, the Orient, as well as the University of Hawaii, have influenced his work.

Although he only attended East Central for one year, Blount said he spent many years on campus, especially during the time his father served as coach and teacher.

"I'm certain that because of the wonderful people I came in contact with while growing up on the East Central campus, a positive impact was made on me as a person which directly contributed to any success I may have achieved in the interior designing business," Sam said.

He said he was influenced "greatly" by several instructors at East Central, including Tommy Thrash (Western Civilization), Ovid Vickers (English Literature) and former English instructor Mrs. Alyne Simmons.

Sam said the knowledge he received from the instructors mentioned has been very beneficial in his designing career.

Sam began his decorating career at Warren Wright's in Jackson where he worked for about two years before leaving to study at the previously mentioned schools in New York and Sarasota.

After competing his studies, Sam's career blossomed with decorating positions at Bloomingdale's and Kevin McNamara, Inc. He later joined his present firm, Irvine and Fleming, Inc., in 1980.

"Irvine and Fleming is an old firm," Sam explained, "with most of the same clients that they have had for years." The firm is regarded as "champions of the English look."

"We've decorated the sixth and seventh homes for some of our clients, and now we are even doing jobs for their children."

The company describes its interior designs as "today's American version of traditional classical decorating, with strong eighteenth and nineteenth-century English and French influences." Sam said "Elements" preferred include "comfort and stability...a little played-down grandeur, a dash of flair, certainly some intellectual wit or humor, and an overall sense of well being, with great attention paid to detail."

The firm accepts 20 projects per year with the work-load divided among the three partners. The company also includes 13 staff members, including an architect and draftsman.

Sam's decorating designs have been illustrated in the New York Times, House Beautiful, Architectural Digest, Town and Country and House and Garden.

"Recently, I've continued to study different decorative styles, from Japanese designs to Edwardian," Sam said. "I don't ever want to be pigeonholed into creating just one look."

Like his mentors, Keith Irvine and Thomas Fleming, critics have said Sam has mastered the technique of creating architectural backgrounds for fine art and antiques.

He said his favorite period is Regency yet he knows what makes his work distinct from older designers.

"I decorate in the classic tradition of English and French design, but it's filtered through a sharper and simpler eye. My style, perhaps, is more suited for the complicated times in which we live."

Sam admitted he is somewhat surprised by the increasing number of clients, which today include many young adults.

"There are more and more people in their early to mid-thirties who want

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Lee Follows 'Different' Path In Receiving East Central Degree

First comes a high school diploma, then a community college certificate or degree which is thus followed by graduation at a senior university.

These are simple steps in an educational process that is obviously rewarding but not always easy. Steps that are routinely followed by aspiring students, like 1, 2, 3. Right? Well, not always. At least not in the case of one such individual from Scott County.

> "I guess it is kind of strange. I just always liked East Central, and I knew a lot of people there. But no one ever really knew you went there unless you had a certificate or diploma."

Because of his strong feelings for East Central Community College, Steve Lee of Rt. 2, Lake decided those 1, 2, 3 steps could just as easily become 1, 3, 2, 3 - then 2 again! Steve, District 2 Supervisor in Scott County, received his community college degree AFTER earning a bachelors degree at Mississippi College.

Why? Steve explains it best.

"I guess it is kind of strange. I just always like East Central, and I knew a lot of people there. But no one ever really knew you went there unless you had a certificate or diploma."

Steve, 36, is a 1972 graduate of Forest High School. He attended Mississippi College during the 1973-74 school year but because MC was "too big to start with" Lee decided to enroll at East Central the following fall term.

"Most of my friends had gone to East Central, and I knew I would receive a very good education there. I've often said that one of the many reasons I liked EC is that you meet a lot of people who grew up in the surrounding counties and later became life-long friends. I can travel to just about any county in the district and know someone who attended East Central."

At the end of the 1974 spring term, Lee lacked nine hours to graduate, and he had even considered attending summer school in order to receive his diploma. But for various reasons he was unable to arrange his schedule accordingly, and he decided to continue his education the following fall at Mississippi College.

In 1977, Lee received a pre-law degree from MC, and he was accepted into law school for the fall term.

But unlike his father, State Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Noble Lee; his brothers, Forest attorneys Tommy Lee and Noble Lee; and several relatives, Lee decided the law profession was not for him.

"I guess I see things too much in black and white and law just had too many colors," Lee said.

After one semester, Lee left law school and went to work at Ott and Lee Funeral Home in Forest during the spring of 1978. He worked through December of the same year and then decided - almost two years after receiving his bachelors degree - that he would return to East Central, take the nine hours he lacked for an Associate Degree and graduate in May, 1979.

What did East Central officials say when he enrolled for classes, even though he already had a degree from a senior university?

"Well, they didn't say anything, really. Of course I never actually mentioned I already had a degree, and I was reluctant to ask if it was okay to do this. I just remember meeting with Mr. (Frank) Rives (then

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this couture level of design. We have a lot of clients who, I think, are very young to be doing what they're doing - really investing in antiques, art and interiors in a way that a few years ago wasn't the case."

Sam is regarded not only as an interior designer, but he is also a lecturer. He recently spoke on, "American Interpretation of the Traditional English Interior" at the annual Madonna Circle Charity Antique Show held in the Mid-South Fairgrounds in Memphis.

Married to the former Charlene Mars of Philadelphia, Sam said they had originally planned to live in New York for "about two years" before returning to the South. But 12 years later, the Blounts, including recent addition Anne Lamar, their infant daughter, have made the "Big Apple" their permanent residence. Sam quickly pointed out the family plans to make regular trips to Newton and Neshoba counties, especially during Neshoba County Fair week, when they recently visited.

"Some day we'll probably come back," Sam said. "New York is where we live, but Mississippi will always be home."

EC Alumnus Making His Mark

East Central alumnus and Decatur native Sam Blount, an interior designer with the prestigious firm of Irvine and Fleming, Inc. in New York, is shown in a decorator showhouse room.

More Lee

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registrar) who was very helpful in assisting me with my class schedule and making sure I had the right courses for graduation."

Lee said he even remembers the three subjects he lacked to receive a degree, which were American Literature (taught by Ovid Vickers) and Accounting and Business Law (taught by Harvey Trapp who has since become the college's business manager.)

"I really enjoyed all my classes at East Central and thanks to Mr. Trapp, I have an easier time understanding the county's financial statements, budget reports, etc. that are presented during our Board of Supervisors' meetings."

Lee reminisced about "both times" he attended East Central and related several instances concerning Dr. Richard Ethridge's (social science instructor) classes.

"I remember one semester when I took four or five subjects plus physical education, which was a required course back then. Well, I'll never forget one day discussing my grades with Dr. Ethridge who was also my advisor. I had four or five "B's" in the regular courses but I had an "A" in P.E. After looking at my report, Dr. Ethridge turned to me and said, 'Lee, I think you're spending too much time in that p.e. class.' Doesn't that sound just like him?"

Steve said Dr. Ethridge always enjoyed "picking" on him during class.

During one class meeting, Steve said Dr. Ethridge made the following comment:

"You people might wonder why I pick on Mr. Lee all the time. Well, he grew up down in Scott County in that prairie. And anyone who grows up in that stuff can take anything."

Although he made an "A" in physical education as previously mentioned, Steve said the class was by no means an easy course.

During that time, Tenie Coats, former EC assistant football coach, served as class instructor. Steve said he will never forget one day when Coach Coats "almost killed us" because someone had made him mad and he took it out on the class.

"I remember we had to run a lot, 30 to 40 push-ups plus a lot of other exercises. Doing that many exercises was pretty tough on me. I remember the 'rope' at Forest High School. If you couldn't climb the rope, you had to run track. And Terell McCormick and I had to run it!"

Steve said he lived in Todd Hall and some of his suite mates were Tom Carson (EC band director) and his brother Peter, both from Conehatta, and Jim Lackey, Gary Stephens and Danny Harrison, from Forest.

He said dorm life was "a lot of fun" and included playing cards for many hours, games such as rook, hearts and spades.

"Not only did I learn how to play cards in the dorm but I also acquired the art of shooting the bull. I really got a lot of practice doing that."

"I guess by today's standards we were a pretty tame group."

Steve said about the "wildest" thing he did at East Central occurred one night while he rode his bicycle.

"I was riding my 10-speed bike and wearing straight-leg blue jeans when all of a sudden my jeans got caught in the bicycle chain. I was headed right for a parked security car with the officer sitting on the driver's side and I just couldn't stop. Well, I crashed into the car and my arm went through the window which luckily was rolled down. I did, however,

> *"I guess I see things too much in black and white and law just had too many colors.*
>
> *Steve Lee"*

break my watch and I also made a mess out of my bicycle and the security car!"

Although it is usually difficult to find a student who will admit to enjoying food prepared at school cafeterias, Steve said he especially enjoyed Mr. (Leonard) Lee's (former food service manager) meals.

"I learned to love Mr. Lee's bleu cheese dressing and I haven't found any as good anywhere else."

When he finally received his diploma, Steve said he remembers feeling "really good." He said commencement exercises were held in Huff Auditorium.

Since his graduation from East Central in 1979, Steve has had a very busy life.

He is responsible for managing 3500 acres of timberland, and he also

Scott County District 2 Supervisor Steve Lee proudly displays his diploma from East Central which he received after earning his bachelors degree from Mississippi College!

takes care of about 80 head of cattle.

But his primary concern is centered around his family.

He is married to the former Tammy Dennis of Lake, and they have a two-year-old daughter, Lindsey, and a recent arrival, Stephen Summers Lee who was born on September 2, 1990.

Tammy is also a graduate of East Central and Mississippi College and, as her husband says, she took the "normal" route in receiving he college degrees.

At MC, Tammy maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was graduated with special distinction.

"Tammy and my father are the only family members to have graduated from Mississippi College with special distinction," Steve said.

Before starting a family, Tammy taught second grade at Newton.

Even though he already had full-time responsibilities, Lee decided to enter politics in 1987 and did so on a successful note.

In January, 1988, Steve, at age 33, was sworn in as District 2 Supervisor and became the youngest supervisor to ever take office in Scott County. He also served one year as Board President, a position that is filled on a rotating basis among the supervisors.

Before he took office, Steve said he was well aware of the many responsibilities that lay ahead.

"I knew what the job involved and that being a supervisor meant more than just maintaining roads, but many people do not realize what all is involved in operating county government."

Steve said he also receives a wide variety of requests and complaints, ranging from people who want to know "what I'm going to do about flooding creeks and rivers" or those who complain about roads being "too dusty" in the summertime or "too muddy" during winter months.

He said it is sometimes amazing when the Board can authorize spending a million dollars on a project and no one questions the large expenditure. Yet, he said he will received calls at home from angry constituents who are mad because of a hole in the road!

But overall, Lee said he enjoys serving the public and working with his fellow supervisors.

Lee said the present Board has probably had to deal with more controversial issues than any previous governing body.

Some of the "heated" topics which have come before the county supervisors include funding for hospitals, ambulance service and garbage pick-up. Steve said funding for education has been a primary concern, with more funds allocated in this area than any other item.

But sometimes funding for projects is available without using a lot of local taxpayer monies.

One such project, and one that represents Lee's "proudest moment" as a supervisor, concerns his ability to attract funds to construct a baseball-softball field at Lake. He said the field - including lights - has a value of about $60,000 with funds coming through a grant from the Pearl River Basin Development District and from local volunteers who also donated time and energy to complete

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Hudson Enjoys Helping Children With Speech, Hearing Problems

LINDA HUDSON

Five mornings each week Linda Ward Hudson gets in her car and drives from her home just north of Louisville to Ackerman where she works with sixty elementary school children as a speech pathologist. A 1959 graduate of East Central, Linda is once again doing what she loves to do -- helping children who have speech and hearing problems. After twenty-two years with the Louisville Separate Schools, most of which were spent as Special Education Supervisor, Linda returned to the classroom in 1988 because she missed the personal contact with children.

After graduating from Louisville High School in 1957, Linda Ward enrolled as a freshman at East Central in the fall of that year. At the same time, her future husband Keith Hudson enrolled as a freshman. At the end of their freshman year, Keith and Linda were married and during their sophomore year occupied an apartment in Leake Hall.

"The greatest thing that happened to me during my freshman year at East Central was joining the TOM-TOM staff," Linda said in a recent interview. "Miss Una Harris was the sponsor, and she was a stickler for detail. We spent many midnight hours in the TOM-TOM office. The TOM-TOM was one of the top junior college newspapers in the state, and Miss Harris was determined to maintain that reputation.

"About 11 p.m., Miss Harris would swing through the office, red pen in hand, send a student off to get her a Coke, and issue about twenty simultaneous orders to us. At the time, we didn't think it was so much fun, but in retrospect, I know we were building not only some good work habits but some fond memories as well.

"The TOM-TOM banquet at the end of the year was the highlight of the year. It was always held at Weidmann's in Meridian, complete with elaborate decorations, humorous skits taken from the year's activities, awards, and black-bottom pie. During our sophomore year, Miss Harris broke her hip and was in a wheelchair. Keith became her unofficial chauffeur and 'wheelchair pusher.' I can still see us entering Weidmann's with Keith pushing Miss Harris. A woman's fur was hanging over the back of her chair, and the fur became entangled in the wheelchair. Keith and I were, of course, flustered, but Miss Harris was undaunted."

Linda's second year at East Central proved a challenge as she juggled her new duties of housewife with those of student. "I'm sure Keith ate some pretty awful meals," Linda confesses, "but he never complained. We both tried to maintain our grades and our involvement in campus activities." Keith, who is now self-employed, agrees that their sophomore year at East Central was one of the most interesting of their thirty-two year marriage.

Another faculty member whom Linda remembers fondly is Miss Ethel Burton. At the time Linda and Keith were in school at East Central, a one hour library science course was required of all freshmen, so students spent a great deal of time in the library which was located upstairs in Newton Hall.

"Keith and I were like all couples on campus. The library was about the only place we could get together. Miss Burton watched us with an eagle eye, but we did manage to hold hands under the table.

"The experience we gained in library science was invaluable. Some of the questions Miss Burton gave us to find the answers to seemed rather obscure, but later on when I needed

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the project.

Because of Steve's leadership and efforts, approximately 150 youngsters who previously had no place to play baseball and softball now have a field of their own.

Like a smart politician, Steve does not claim any particular area as his residence in the district which he serves. He said he gets his telephone out of Homewood, electricity from Taylorsville, water from High Hill, mail from Lake and butane from Forest.

"I'm from everywhere and I can serve everybody equally."

And does he plan to seek re-election next year?

"Everybody runs for re-election," he said.

And what is his philosophy?

"I always believe in telling people what I think; then they cannot accuse me of lying."

Whatever the future holds for Steve Lee, he can always feel proud that he achieved a goal that many would not care to even consider. But because of his strong feelings for East Central, he earned that two-year diploma even though his bachelors degree was already framed and hanging on the wall.

"East Central meant a lot to me, I just hope many other people will go to college there and discover what EC can mean for them as well."

Steve was sworn in as the youngest Scott County supervisor during ceremonies held in January 1988. Performing the swearing-in activities was Steve's father, Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court Roy Noble Lee. Scott County supervisors include, from left, Joe Riser, District 5; W. J. Measells, District 4; Buford Palmer, District 3; Steve Lee, District 2; and Mon Stowers, District 1. (Photo courtesy The Scott County Times)

Una Harris Recently Observes 90th Birthday

On September 13, Miss Una Harris observed her ninetieth birthday. Twenty-one of those ninety years were spent on the East Central campus, teaching Freshman Composition, Sophomore Literature, and Journalism. In addition to her teaching duties, Miss Harris also acted as sponsor of the School paper, The Tom-Tom.

The first issue of The Tom-Tom

Miss Harris as she appeared during her teaching days at East Central.

was published in November 1945, Miss Harris' first year at East Central. There had not been a college paper at East Central for a number of years as publication had been interrupted by World War II. Dr. L. O. Todd, who was then president of the college, employed Miss Harris with the understanding that she would, upon joining the faculty, recruit a staff and begin the publication of a college newspaper.

During the year that followed, The Tom-Tom became a real force on the campus. The paper won several first place awards in the Mississippi Junior College Press Association competition.

Through the years, The Tom-Tom initiated many projects on the campus. No building on the campus was named until the paper began a campaign to have the buildings named. Next, the paper advocated the building of a student center, an auditorium to seat the entire student body, and paved tennis courts.

After having taught for a number of years at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, Tennessee, Miss Harris decided to enter college teaching, and she came to East Central well prepared. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree at East Tennessee State College where she majored in English and edited the college paper. She holds two Master of Arts Degrees, one in English from George Peabody College (now a division of Vanderbilt University), the other in literature from Vermont's prestigious Middlebury College. She also did post graduate work at Duke and Columbia Universities.

Miss Harris played an active role in the Mississippi of Teachers of English and the College English Commission. She appeared frequently on programs on the state level and was a strong supporter of the National Council of Teachers of English.

In 1966 when she retired from East Central, Miss Harris returned to her hometown of Johnson City where she owned a home. Shortly after she returned home, East Tennessee State University experienced an increase in enrollment, and Miss Harris taught Freshman Composition for a number of years as an adjunct member of the East Tennessee State University English faculty.

During the years that she sponsored The Tom-Tom, Miss Harris encouraged those students who were on the staff to do their best. Members of the staff were required to be courteous, diligent, exacting, and prompt. Several members of the staff went on to become reporters and to work in positions of responsibility in the field of journalism.

In those years, as is still true today, members of the paper staff did not receive any financial rewards for their work. The only recognition given by the college for this service and dedication was a complimentary banquet held annually. Miss Harris always worked to see that The Tom-Tom banquet was not just another "eating meeting." With encouragement from Miss Harris, students made plans weeks in advance. They provided their own entertainment by writing skits to perform at the banquet.

Each year, a certain number of faculty were invited to attend, and because the banquet promised to be such an entertaining evening, invitations were eagerly accepted.

Miss Harris believed that teachers should keep abreast of the times. She was an avid reading and frequently attended conferences, both state and national, concerning the teaching of English. She had traveled on the continent and after she began teaching English Literature, she spent some time in England, Ireland, and Scotland.

In the field of English, Miss Harris was a master teacher. She always encouraged her students to do their best, and she always pointed out the practical aspects of understanding and being able to use the language.

Verbie Lovorn Prevost of the English Department of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga remembers Miss Harris as "One of the most outstanding teachers I have ever known." Dr. Thomas Richardson of the English Department at the University of Southern Mississippi and Dr. Clyde Williams of Mississippi State credit Miss Harris with inspiring them to enter teaching as a profession.

Today, Miss Harris resides at 400 N Boone St., Asbury Center, Johnson City, Tennessee (37601) where she maintains her own apartment and continues to keep in touch with many of her former students. She recently enjoyed a visit from former student and East Central alumnus, Fred Allen Barfoot.

Since her retirement, Una Harris has kept in touch with East Central, and she continues to be remembered on the campus by fellow faculty and across the county by former students.

More Hudson

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to know how to use a library, I could do it with little problem."

Some of Linda's fondest memories of East Central relate to physical education instructor Lucille Wood. Every student had to take four semesters of physical education and one semester of personal health (hygiene), so girls got to know Miss Wood well. "We were in varying stages of physical agility," Linda remembers. "Some of us couldn't touch our toes, and there was one girl who never learned to do the 'side-straddle-hop.' With sixty girls in a class, I'm sure it must have been a sight to Miss Wood. But we had a lot of fun together."

After graduating from East Central in the spring of 1959, the Hudsons moved to the University of Southern Mississippi (then Mississippi Southern College). East Central continued to be a big part of their lives in Hattiesburg. "It is interesting that many of our best friends at Southern were friends we had made at East Central, and we formed a close-knit support group at Southern. Those friends (including Buddy Matthews of Union, Clyde Mills of Forest, Ann Moore of Union, and Peggy Ming of Louisville, along with others) did everything together. In fact, some of our closest lifelong friends are those we made while at East Central."

Graduating from Southern in 1961, Keith and Linda moved to Gulfport where Keith worked as an accountant with the State Tax Commission and Linda served as a speech therapist with Gulfport School System. In 1963, Keith was transferred to Columbus, and the next year their son Kevin (also a graduate of East Central) was born. Kevin, who holds a BS Degree from the University of Mississippi, is now an agent with Dominion Insurance Agency. In 1965, the Hudsons returned to Louisville and soon thereafter built a home next door to Linda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lavaun Ward. In 1970, when younger son, Cliff (currently a forestry major at Mississippi State University) was an infant, Linda completed her Master's Degree in Special Education at Mississippi State University.

For the past two years, the Hudsons have enjoyed a new addition to their family. During holidays and on most weekends, six-year-old Walley Willock from the Palmer Home in Columbus is with the Hudsons. Kevin, who lives just down the road, and Cliff provide older brother support for Walley who has won the hearts of the entire Hudson family.

Nearby is the West Union Presbyterian Church where the family attends services and where Linda teaches an adult Sunday School class.

When asked to evaluate her two years at East Central, Linda replied, "Some of my happiest memories relate to East Central -- not only the friends I made and the fact that I was married while I was there, but the instruction I received at East Central definitely prepared me to transfer to a senior institution."

Linda Ward Hudson's contributions to the children of this area and her positive attitude toward the solution of problems relating to children will certainly leave a mark on the lives of countless people. East Central is proud to claim her as one of its own.

Feature Story

EC's First Black Graduate Serves As Internal Medicine Specialist

He is regarded as East Central Community College's first black graduate but he would rather think of himself as just someone who received "a good basic education" and used that education to later become a successful doctor of internal medicine.

In fact, Dr. Theron Evans, Jr., a Newton native who serves as staff internist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Biloxi, said he was not even aware of being the first black graduate until the distinction was brought to his attention.

As a 1971 graduate, Evans, 38, recalled there were not many blacks attending East Central during that time. He knew he was the first black in line during commencement exercises but he said he had no idea he was the first black to receive an East Central diploma.

However, one certain girl was very noticeable to him and caught his eye on the Decatur campus. And that girl was his wife-to-be, the former Glenda Nichols of Decatur.

"We had known each other before attending East Central but we actually did not date until our college days. I was a sophomore and she was a freshman when we started going out. So I can honestly say that I not only picked up a good education at East Central but I also picked up a great wife as well," he said.

The couple has been married for 16 years. They have an eight-year-old son, Brian, and they reside in Gulfport.

Following his graduation from the Pilate High School in Newton, Dr. Evans first enrolled at the University of Mississippi. He later transferred to East Central after his freshman year.

Evans, who commuted to the Decatur campus so he could "eat a lot of Mom's home-cookin'," recalled his instructors as being "very dedicated" teachers.

"I remember taking botany from Mr. (George) Mason, physics from Mr. (Al) Deaton, organic chemistry from Mr. (Frank) Cross, economics from Mr. (L.B.) Simmons, world history from Dr. (Richard) Ethridge, and my favorite, Mr. (Wallace) Bedwell, was an elderly, jolly ole fellow who really loved accounting. And I remember Coach (Ken) Pouncey who had a real good football team that year," Dr. Evans said.

Dr. Evans is shown next to the many awards he received while pursuing his medical degree. His honors include being named "Resident of the Year" for 1986-87 at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. Many other awards were also presented to the Newton native and East Central alumnus for his high academic achievements.

A pre-pharmacy major, Evans said he had "very fond" memories of Mason and recalled he had a "tough time" pleasing the botany instructor with one of the assigned class projects.

"I took botany during summer school and part of our lab work was collecting and identifying leaves and assorted plants. When I completed the project I took it to Mr. Mason who looked at it and told me I could do better. So he gave me another assignment and I went back into the woods - for the second-straight Saturday - and collected more plants. I took the project to Mr. Mason and, being Mr. Mason, he decided he like the first collection better than the second!"

Evans said he always chuckles when he thinks about that classroom project. He added he has a lot of respect for Mason and said their families have known each other for a long time. He said his grandfather used to work for Mason's father.

Not only were the instructors caring and understanding, Evans said everyone on campus was "nice and hospitable" when he attended East Central.

"There were no problems while I was on campus and never did I ever feel uncomfortable. If I had to do it all over again, I would certainly attend East Central."

Following his graduation from East Central, Evans enrolled at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas where he received a pharmacy degree in 1974.

Evans, who had also joined the Navy and was attending college on a scholarship, received several awards at TSU and was recognized for his high scholastic achievement.

He remained at Texas Southern a year after graduation, serving as an instructor in the pharmaceutical-chemistry department.

In 1975 he was accepted into medical school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

After receiving his medical degree in 1979, Evans had military obligations to fulfill. He was assigned to a rotating-flexible internship at the Naval-Regional Medical Center in Portsmith, Virginia where he served for one year.

He was later sent to field duty, and he was assigned to a construction battalion in Gulfport during 1980-81.

Following the Gulfport assignment, Evans was dispatched to Guam with another construction battalion in which he served as medical officer until 1982.

He later served for one year at a San Diego, California hospital before returning to Gulfport for a two-year assignment.

In 1984, he entered the School of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham where he completed his residency in internal medicine in 1987. At UAB, Evans was named "Resident of the Year" during 1986-87 for "his outstanding spirit of cooperation, friendship and concern for humanity."

He began his practice at the VA Hospital in July, 1987.

Evans said he basically has an "8:00 to 5:00" practice except on days when he is on call.

The most rewarding aspect of his internal medicine practice is that he is able "to meet and help a lot of people."

"I'm very people oriented. I enjoy meeting people and working in internal medicine. Our patients are mainly people who have significant medical problems, and it's a challenge to deal with those problems. It is specially gratifying to see patients when they do get better and are able to return to some sort of normal life," he said.

Evans said most of his patients are men who are veterans of World War II or the Korean Conflict. He said most of his patients are stricken with heart disease, which is still the leading cause of death. A lot of his patients also suffer from lung disease. He said most of the diseases are alcohol-related.

Along with his busy schedule at the VA Hospital, Evans also serves part-time in the Navy Reserves and he has earned the rank of Lt. Commander.

He said his hobbies are few with a lot of his spare time being devoted to yard work. The Evans' house is located on a four-acre plot where the grass "really grows in a hurry." He also enjoys fishing and he even has a small pond located in the front yard.

Evans quickly added that his most enjoyable hobby concerns Brian, who is a third grader at Harrison Central. Theron and Glenda agree that Bria is a special young man who is "eigh going on 18!"

The Evanses are also involved in religious work. They are members of the Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church in Gulfport.

As for the future, Evans said he plans to continue his medical practice "as long as my health will let me."

He has high hopes for improved health care.

"I would like to see health care improve for the entire population with better care more accessible for minorities. Minority health care is still a

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Sarah Alatha Chaney: Remembered As Scholar, Poet, Alumna

Each year at Awards Day, East Central Community College recognizes those students who have excelled in academics or athletics. A majority of the trophies and plaques

ALATHA CHANEY

awarded to students were presented to the college in honor of former alumni and are designated as Alumni Memorial Awards. The recipient's name is engraved on the award and the trophies on plaque remains at the college in a special display case in the Student Services Building.

In 1964 the family of Sarah Alatha Chaney presented the college with a trophy to be awarded each year to the outstanding graduate in English. Alatha Chaney lost her life in a swimming accident in 1943.

"Billie," as Alatha was affectionately called by her family, was born to Enoch Ray and Lena Gordon Chaney of Hickory, Mississippi on February 23, 1923. At the age of five she began her education at Hope Consolidated School and was graduated from Hickory High School when she was sixteen. She then entered East Central Junior College and upon completion of her sophomore year transferred to Mississippi Southern College (now the University of Southern Mississippi). Between her junior and senior years at Southern, she taught one year at Chunky, Mississippi.

Mississippi Southern awarded Alatha the degree of Bachelor of Science on July 29, 1943. Three days later on August 1, while wading in the Bowie River near Hattiesburg, she accidently stepped into a whirlpool and drowned. On August 3, she was buried at Pleasant Ridge church near her hometown of Hickory.

Alatha had, since early childhood, exhibited a great interest in poetry and the writing of verses. Her parents were always sympathetic concerning her writing efforts and encouraged her in every way. It was understood that she would not be disturbed when she sat down to write. Her favorite spot was under a great oak tree near the Chaney home, and she often told her mother that the leaves seemed to whisper to her when she went there to write.

In October, 1946, three years after her tragic death, the family collected and had printed a volume containing ninety-two poems selected from among the several hundred she had written during her brief lifetime.

Alatha's potential was undoubtedly recognized not only by her parents but by her friends and her teachers. Her yearbooks, both from East Central and Mississippi Southern, are signed by many of her fellow students who mention her poetry and offer words of encouragement.

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More Evans

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real problem, even in 1990. Many poor people seem to just fall through the crack, though no fault of their own, when it comes to being provided with better health care," Evans said.

He said "preventive medicine" is really being emphasized as an important method of eliminating many diseases before illnesses can take place.

"Educating young mothers on how to better care for their children will reduce infant mortality rates and will pay big dividends in preventing retardation.

"I also believe we should aggressively try to save our young people from the tragedies of drug abuse. Drugs are no longer just a big city problem - it's everybody's problem. Education is the key to saving our young people and we must work with our youth and not throw up our hands and give up," he said.

Theron and Glenda said they plan to soon visit the East Central campus on a future trip to visit both sets of parents who still live in Newton County.

Her father, Professor N. M. Nichols of Decatur, is a former principal at Boler Elementary School, and Dr. Evans' father is the Reverend Theron Evans, Sr., of Newton.

Evans said his time on the Decatur campus was obviously more significant than he had ever before realized. True, he received a quality education, he "discovered" the future Mrs. Evans and as he found out 19 years later, he was the first black to graduate from East Central Community College.

But even more important, East Central offered him the opportunity to succeed and become whatever he wanted to be; no matter his race, creed or color.

And Dr. Theron Evans, Jr. took advantage of that opportunity.

Dr. Evans stands next to a fireplace mantel where photos of his family are displayed. Evans is married to the former Glenda Nichols of Decatur and they have a son, Brian, who is eight years old.

Former Music Instructor Bob Fick Dies In July

BOB FICK

Newton County and the East Central Mississippi area lost an outstanding educator, citizen, and musician in the death of Robert G. Fick of Decatur who passed away on July 26, 1990. Robert Fick joined the faculty of East Central Junior college as head of the music department in 1951 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1978. On July 26, Bob Fick, the son of Leonard H. and Nettie Harper Fick, passed away at Anderson's Hospital in Meridian. He was seventy-seven.

In 1951, when Dr. L. O. Todd, the President of East Central, was searching for an instructor to head the East Central Music Department, he interviewed a young man who had been reared in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and who had been teaching in Illinois. Based on the young man's educator, experience, and interview, Dr. Todd employed Bob Fick.

In addition to a Master of Music Degree from George Peabody College, Bob held a BA from Eastern Illinois Teachers College and a Master of Music Education also from Peabody College. He had taught for several years at Grayville High School in Grayville, Illinois, where he directed an outstanding high school band and acted as conductor of a large high school choir. During World War II, he served with Special Services Company in the Philippine Islands and in Japan.

When Bob accepted the position in music at East Central, Dr. Todd instructed him to begin immediately to build an active and contributing music program and department. bob first turned his attention to the marching band. In the early fifties, there were not a great number of high school bands in the five counties which support East Central, and it was difficult to field a complete college band. Bob was determined to have a band of creditable size to perform in parades in the area and to provide halftime entertainment at East Central's football games.

In order to increase the number of players, Bob arranged with the Union High School Band Director, Mrs. Ollie Williams, to permit several players to practice on Wednesday and then perform on weekends with the East Central band. Dr. Shelby Harris and Milton "Bud" Matthews are two of the students from the Union band who also performed with the East Central band.

Bob Fick organized a dance band to play for college dances and to present concerts when it was not feasible to transport the entire college band. He also organized the Madrigal Singers, a vocal group who sang medieval madrigals and folk songs. Under Bob's direction, the choir grew to become one of the largest junior college choirs in Mississippi. In 1957, the choir was invited by the National Music Educators Conference to sing at their conference meeting in Miami, Florida. This was the first time a junior college choir had been invited to perform at a national meeting of the conference.

Under Bob Fick's supervision, juried examinations were instituted for all those students who were vocal or instrumental majors. Juried examinations are usually required only for senior college students.

Twenty-two years ago, Bob Fick and drama director Bruce Peterson decided to combine the talents of the speech and music departments and present a Broadway musical each year. This has been a continuing activity each spring and in 1977 the musical THE SOUND OF MUSIC was dedicated to Bob Fick.

For many years, Bob directed a community chorus. This group of singers presented Handel's MESSIAH in Huff Auditorium for several years during the Christmas season.

Bob held membership in the Music Educators National Conference and served as President of the Mississippi Music Educators Conference. He was also a member of the Mississippi Association of Educators.

After his retirement in 1977, Bob remained active in music circles. He sang with the Meridian Community Chorus and conducted the chancel choir at the Decatur United Methodist church for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Gerry, who is also an accomplished musician and by his son, Leonard, who resides in Jackson. Services were held on Saturday afternoon, July 28, at the Decatur United Methodist Church with the Reverends Selby Alsworth and Norman Holliday officiating. Pallbearers were: Dr. Shelby Harris, Dr. Brad Tucker, Arno Vincent, Mack Edwards, Thomas Carson, and Bobby Addy.

Robert G. Fick provided the town of Decatur and the surrounding area with music for almost forty years. He will be greatly missed in music circles throughout the state, and he will be long remembered in the hearts of all those students across the United States whose lives he touched and whose talents he helped to develop.

More Alatha Chaney

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Throughout her college years, she attracted the attention of her teachers and administrators as well as her peers. Dr. J. B. George, the president of Mississippi Southern College, wrote to her parents at the time of her death, "She will be remembered and her influence felt for many years by all of us who knew her." Dr. L.O. Todd, the president of East Central, wrote, "The memory of this wonderful girl will remain in the minds of us all." Dr. Bessie Hopkins, her English teacher at Hickory High School and later a member of Southern's English Department, likened her to the poet Browning's "Evelyn Hope," and Miss Alma Hickman, another of her teachers, remembered that "Alatha's mind reached out for the best in life and learning."

According to her mother, Alatha began writing simple verses at an early age and continued to write throughout her life. It is apparent in the rhyme scheme, word choice, and subject matter of her poems that Alatha Chaney felt strongly the influence of country music, Baptist revival hymns, and the after supper conversations which were so much a part of life in the rural South prior to the advent of television.

During her college years, World War II was fought, and the poems which Alatha wrote in those years express her great concern for the fate of those in uniform. Her poems from the war years carry such titles as, "Who's To Blame For It All," "A Salute to Lieutenant Hulon Williams," (Hulon Williams, her classmate at East Central, was killed in action.), and "Jesus In An Army Chapel."

The Chaplain of the 38th Army Division, stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, had 2,300 copies of "Jesus In An Army Chapel" printed and distributed to each man in the 38th Division Field Artillery. The poem was also printed in the "Reveille," a weekly publication at Camp Shelby.

Alatha Chaney was primarily interested in four things: people, poetry, nature, and God. Her compassion for people, especially for her friends who served in the war and the mothers and sweethearts who awaited their return is apparent in many of her poems.

Most of Alatha's poems were written in a time when the revelation of affection and the open expression of the heart were not considered trite.

She was not always serious. Many of her poems are written with a lilting line and illustrate her capacity for humor.

Alatha Chaney's brief life was spent as a student, teacher, and writer. She did not live long enough, nor were her experiences broad enough to determine whether or not she was capable of producing work that would eventually merit critical consideration. It is evident, however, in those privately-printed verses which appear in The Poems of Sarah Alatha Chaney that she was a sensitive person who was very much aware of the world in which she lived and wrote.

Recipients of the Sarah Alatha Chaney Memorial Award are: Martha Johnson '64, Ann Williams '65, Karen Laird, '66, Joyce Chaney '67, Sue Evans '68, Joe Graham '69, Donna Coward '70, Wanda Harris '71, Betty Harrison '76, Marion Whinnery '77, Sue Savell '78, Bonnie Reeves '79, Evelyn Pierce '80, No Award '81, Ruth Hurley '82, Donna Whitehead '83, No Award '84, Chris Gilmer '85, Tammy Reed '86, Kim Wilcher '87, Sherri Copeland '88, No Award '89, Candie Beaver '90.

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Wheelchair Lift Provides Easy Access To EC Classrooms For Morton Paraplegic

With his mind now set on becoming a chemical engineer, Dennis Stuart of Morton has decided to let nothing stand in his way of becoming a successful and productive citizen.

To achieve his goals, Stuart, a paraplegic who has been confined to a wheelchair for 12 years, obviously has to overcome obstacles not faced by many students. But thanks to East Central Community College, once impossible tasks like maneuvering up and down stairs to attend classes are now "a piece of cake" for the 32-year-old liberal arts major.

East Central, in accordance with federal and state guidelines, recently installed wheelchair lifts at the Vocational-Technical Center and in the Newton Hall classroom building. Other measures are also being implemented and planned to assist handicapped students at the Decatur campus.

The lifts are designed to carry a wheelchair passenger from floor to floor by following an existing stairway. Without the use of an automatic lift, those confined to wheelchairs would have to depend on individuals to carry them up and down stairways.

"I'm really appreciative of East Central for installing the chair lifts," Stuart said, who, like all lift users, is provided a key to operate the equipment. When the key is inserted, a "door bell" like sound is made which signals the lift is about to be in use.

Stuart, who broke his spine during a one-car accident on Jackson's Airport Road in August, 1978, was a member of the Air Force at the time of his accident. A former security policeman, Stuart receives 100 percent disability benefits. Since the near fatal accident 12 years ago, he has undergone months of rehabilitation treatment at Veterans' Hospitals in Memphis and Jackson. He also went through a divorce in 1983 and he has basically spent a lot of time "feeling sorry for myself."

Liberal arts major Dennis Stuart of Morton prepares to "board" a wheelchair lift recently installed in Newton Hall at East Central Community College in Decatur. An additional lift is provided at the Vocational-TRechnical Center. Stuart, 32, a paraplegic for 12 years, has set a goal of becoming a biochemist-engineer.

Stuart is shown coming down in the chair lift from the second floor of Newton Hall where some of his classes are held. Without the chair lift, Stuart and others confined to wheelchairs would not have easy access to classes offered above ground level on the Decatur campus.

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"I finally decided it was time to do something worthwhile with my life. I wanted to prove to myself that I could go to college and get a good job to secure my future. And, I basically became bored with my life."

Although confined to a wheelchair, Stuart has still maintained an active life.

The Morton High School graduate has not let the accident hinder his love for hunting. Stuart said he can handle a four-wheeler "pretty good" and he does a lot of hunting on the all-terrain vehicle for deer, rabbits and squirrels.

He also operates a personal home computer and spends a lot of time exercising in his backyard swimming pool. And if that is not enough to keep him busy, Stuart also takes care of several pets, including a wolf, German Shepherd, parrot and "32 chickens." He even finds time to do a little gardening!

Stuart admitted returning to the classroom has not been easy but he said he enjoys the challenge. He said he earlier took courses at Hinds Community College before joining the National Guard in 1976. At East Central, he has earned 24 hours credit and plans to enroll in a senior university next year. He said he really appreciates the care and concern shown him by the East Central instructors.

Stuart not only has strong desires to become a bio chemist-engineer but he also plans to one day resume a normal, healthy life as he stated, "I'm going to walk again."

With his positive attitude, one has the feeling Stuart can accomplish almost anything.

"And thanks to East Central," he said, "I'm well on my way."

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Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true;
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee;
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true;
Here's all our love to you.

ON THE COVER: Dr. Brad Tucker, retiring dean of instruction, is shown in front of the college's vocational-technical center which will officially be dedicated in his honor during ceremonies scheduled May 11, 1991

From The President's Desk

Thank you, alumni and friends of East Central Community College.

During these recession times when our state is battling budget woes and have to cut appropriations for education and other vital services, it is reassuring to know that you care enough for your alma mater to continue to support various scholarships and campus improvement projects.

Thanks to your generosity, funding for the Huff Auditorium Refurbishing Project has eclipsed the $50,000 mark, and we are well on our way to completing phase two of the project, which involves air-conditioning the forty-year-old structure. As you recall, phase one of the project included the installation of new curtains and window drapes.

Growth is continuing in our scholarship funds with almost $19,000 raised for the General Patrick Wilson Memorial Scholarship, $1,600 for the Robert G. Fick Memorial Scholarship, approximately $1,500 collected for the Nellie N. Cross Memorial Scholarship, and over $700 raised for the recently-announced Carl and Doug Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Warrior Club, composed mainly of former East Central athletes, has raised over $7,500 with much-needed equipment and other items being purchased that could not be obtained through the college's general budget.

Funds received through the Warrior Club have been used to install weight-lifting machines, a large trophy case displayed in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, an ice machine, and a new speaker system for the baseball stadium.

As support continues for East Central Community College, a growing interest is also evident for support of the state's system of community and junior colleges.

Recently, a statewide association has been organized and is formally called the Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Association whose purpose is to promote alumni associations of the state's community and junior colleges. Local institutional alumni associations will have as their primary purpose the responsibility of creating an awareness of the educational needs and the promotion of opportunities in their respective areas and to generate through scholarships, gifts, and activities, local appreciation and promotion of these institutions.

Elected as the state association's first president is East Central alumnus Earl Marshall of Clinton who has played a vital role in organizing our Warrior Club and who serves as a key member of the East Central Alumni Association. The Philadelphia native, who is a 1989 inductee into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame, is an excellent choice to lead the association.

Mr. Marshall is, like many of you, proud of the educational, athletic, and other opportunities which became available because of the community/junior college system and who want to "repay" the two-year institutions by providing support.

On behalf of East Central Community College, I would just like to again say thanks for caring about your community college. Your contributions and support are very much appreciated. Please feel free to visit the campus whenever possible.

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Special Ceremonies, Building Dedication Scheduled for Retiring Dr. Brad Tucker

On June 30, 1991, Dr. Brad Tucker will officially retire as Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College. Dr. Tucker's retirement will bring to a close an association with the college which spans a period of almost fifty years.

As a tribute to his many years of service to East Central and the field of education, the college's Board of Trustees decided to name the vocational-building in his honor. The Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center will officially be dedicated during ceremonies scheduled at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 1991 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

A recognition banquet for Dr. Tucker will also take place at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 1991 in the Gold Room of Mabry Cafeteria.

You are invited to
attend a Convocation
honoring Dr. Bradford J. Tucker
upon the naming of the main
Vocational-Technical Building
in his honor on
Saturday, May 11, 1991
East Central Community College
Fine Arts Building
at Two o'clock in the afternoon

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Reception immediately following in the
Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Building

Brad Tucker first came to East Central in 1943 to enroll in the summer session of the Newton County Agricultural High School, which at that time functioned as part of the college. His reason for attending summer school was to accumulate enough credits to graduate from Edinburg High School before he was drafted into World War II.

When he had completed a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy, both stateside and in the South Pacific, which extended from 1944 until 1946, he returned to East Central as a freshman in the fall of 1946 and graduated with an A.A. Degree in 1948.

By attending college without a break, Dr. Tucker graduated from Mississippi State University in 1949. From 1949 until 1951, he taught veterans at Benton High School in Yazoo County, Mississippi.

In 1951, he returned to East Central as Agriculture teacher for the high school division, and in 1955 he moved to the position of instruction of Agriculture on the college faculty, a position he held until being named Dean of Instruction in 1961.

Dr. Tucker has, while serving as East Central's Dean, proved himself to be a disciplined and productive individual. Because he grew up in the Great Depression, and because he was reared on a farm in Leake County, he learned very early in life the value of organization, planning, hard work, and education. Long hours spent working in his office are not unusual for Dr. Tucker, and concrete results from his efforts are evident to his fellow administrators, the faculty and staff, and the student body. Regardless of his efforts and achievements, he has never been one to seek recognition for his accomplishments.

Dr. Brad Tucker, Dean of Instruction for 30 years at East Central Community College, will be honored on May 11, 1991 when the college's Vocational-Technical Center will officially become The Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. When he retires on June 30, 1991, Dr. Tucker will have served 42 years in the field of education.

When Dr. Tucker was appointed Dean of Instruction, he could count among his achievements the fact that he graduated from Edinburg High School as the Valedictorian of his class and from East Central with honors. He also held a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science Degree from Mississippi State University. After his appointment to the position of Dean, Dr. Tucker began to better prepare himself to be able to effectively execute his duties by entering post graduate programs at the University of Texas and the University of Southern Mississippi. He entered the doctoral program at Mississippi State University and was awarded the Doctor of Education Degree in Higher Education.

Realizing that one must keep abreast of changes in college administration and curriculum, Dr. Tucker attended leadership programs in community/junior college organization and administration sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation at the University of Texas, Florida State University, and the University of Florida.

He also participated in junior college leadership seminars in Dallas, Texas, and Denver, Colorado.

Because East Central's Dean is also responsible for the Vocational-Technical Division of the college, Dr. Tucker toured the industrial cities in Michigan to study modern technical programs in that state. Also in connection with vocational-technical education, Dr. Tucker has attended American Vocational Association meetings as a state delegate and has served as an officer in the State Vocational association. During his teaching career, he also trained two award-winning national vocational teams.

Dr. Tucker is a charter member and also the senior member of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Deans' Association. When it was decided that all of Mississippi's Junior Colleges would institute a common numbering system in harmony with the universities, Dr. Tucker chaired the work for the continuing implementation of this system for ten years.

Among the scholarly organizations in which Dr. Tucker holds membership are Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Tau Alpha, and Phi Kappa Phi. Two scholarships from the W.W. Kellogg Foundation have been awarded to him, and he received an award from the National Dairy Products Association for Superior Achievement in the State of Mississippi. He also received a Title III, National Teachers Fellowship to complete his terminal degree at Mississippi State University.

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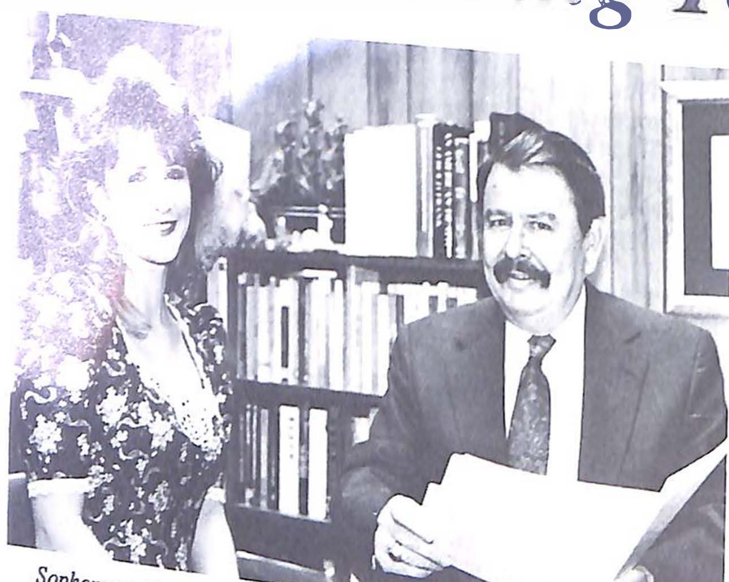
Ethridge, Munn Selected Outstanding Teacher, Student



Sophomore Karla Munn of Decatur and social science instructor [illegible] Richard C. Ethridge who represented East Central at the annual HE[illegible] program.

Dr. Richard C. Ethridge, Chairman of the Division of Social Science, Business Administration and Education and sophomore Karla Munn of Decatur were selected the college's representatives for the annual HEADWAE program and were honored by the Mississippi Legislature during the 1991 session.

The special observance, known as Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence, was initiated in 1988 [illegible] individual academic a[illegible] the overall contrib[illegible] public and [illegible] higher lea[illegible]

Dr. [illegible] ho[illegible] teaches [illegible] science [illegible] President's last [illegible] elementary [illegible] among approxi[illegible] including faculty and [illegible] from the state's [illegible] colleges, community and [illegible] colleges and proprietary in[illegible] who were recognized during [illegible] legislative luncheon held Feb. [illegible] 1991. In addition to this recognition, a booklet was published featuring photographs and biographical sketches of each honoree.

A member of the East Central faculty for 30 years, Dr. Ethridge has received numerous honors for his dedication and expertise in the classroom. He was elected Outstanding Teacher by a vote of the student body in 1964 and was chosen Outstanding Academic Instructor in 1988 by the East Central Alumni Association.

He has also taught graduate level courses for the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University at branch locations in Meridian.

His scholarly works have been published by the Mississippi College and University Press and LSU Press. He has also had several articles published in various journals, magazines and newspapers.

Dr. Ethridge is a member of numerous professional societies and organizations including Eta Sigma Pi (classical language), Pi Gamma Mu (social science), Phi Alpha Theta (history) and Phi Kappa Phi (scholarship). He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society.

He has been listed in Outstanding Young Men of America, Outstanding Educators of America, Personalities of the South and Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

A native of Meridian, Dr. Ethridge attended Clarke Memorial College and received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College. He did graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi and earned Master's and PhD degrees from Mississippi State University. His fields of study included history, political science, language and Bible.

He is married to Virginia Marble Ethridge, and they have three daughters and five grandchildren.

Munn, a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, has been a leader in the classroom and in extracurricular activities during her two years at East Central.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national scholastic organization for community/junior college students, Student Education Association and LIFE, a recently organized environmental club.

She was the recipient of the Kappa Kappa Iota Education Society's Scholarship Award presented during the 1990 Awards Day activities last spring.

She has served two years as feature twirler for the East Central Marching Band.

Munn was recently elected without opposition as treasurer of the sophomore class.

She is a member of Oakland Baptist Church.

ECCC Anno[illegible] Football S[illegible]

A.J. Kilpatrick, East Central head football coach, announced 27 dis[illegible] athletes and four out-of-sta[illegible] signed football scholars[illegible] 1991 season.

Coach Kilpat[illegible] pleased" wi[illegible] and term[illegible] as "[illegible]

[illegible] Charles [illegible] linebacker; [illegible] pound defen[illegible] Jerome Thomas, [illegible] pound fullback-line[illegible]

[illegible]TRAL: Ray [illegible] pound offensive [illegible] Horn, 6' 270-pound of[illegible] [illegible], Chris Patridge, 6' 190-pound defensive end; Michael Burnside, 6'1" 175-pound defensive back; Oreaka Wells, 5'11" 185-pound wide receiver; Jimmy Vaughn, 5'10" 190-pound linebacker; Kevin Hill, 6' 245-pound offensive lineman; and Terry Pickens, 5'10" 190-pound running back-defensive back.

PHILADELPHIA: Lamont Crockett, 5'10" 175-pound running back and Shayne Martin, 6'1" 256-pound center-defensive tackle.

LOUISVILLE: Keith Dailey, 6'4" 200-pound wide receiver-tight end and Bernard Ball, 6' 210-pound linebacker.

NOXAPATER: Tommy Glass, 6'1" 175-pound offensive back-defensive back and Derrick Cook, 6'1" 210-pound defensive end.

MORTON: David Parker, 5'10" [illegible]

[illegible]OREST: Charles Lyles, 5'8" [illegible] pound running back; Scott W[illegible]sson, 5'11" 180-pound tight end-long snapper; and Dale Rushing, 6' 175-pound defensive back.

NEWTON COUNTY: Michael Jackson, 5'8" 170-pound running back; Thomas McClelland, 5'11" 180-pound fullback-linebacker; and Mario Brown, 5'8" 170-pound running back-wide receiver.

THOMASTOWN: Mark Hughes, 6'2" 280-pound offensive lineman and Rickey Henry, 6' 200-pound fullback.

CARTHAGE: Foreman Thompson, 5'11" 180 pound running back.

OUT-OF-STATE

MORROW HIGH SCHOOL (Morrow, Georgia): Thaman Lata Rayner, 6'1" 175 pound defensive back-wide receiver.

JESS LANIER HIGH SCHOOL (Bessemer, Alabama): Thurman Jones, 6'1" 205 pound linebacker.

MAPLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (Maplesville, Alabama): Timothy Jerome Campbell, 6'3" 250-pound defensive tackle and Jimmy Lewis Andrews, 6' [illegible] pound linebacker.

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Newsome is Remembered

STELLA NEWSOME

Although it has now been twenty-five years since Stella Newsome stood before a class and lectured, there are men and women throughout East Central Mississippi, and for that matter all over the Southeast, who remember with great fondness this diminutive lady with the lilting voice who taught literature at East Central Junior College from 1928 until 1958.

In 1928, the year ECJC was founded, Stella Newsome was one of two teachers employed to teach college classes at the already existing Newton County Agricultural High School. She taught English, Latin, and history; and Mr. Robert Marshall, the other college teacher, taught science and mathematics in two rooms in the basement of old Neshoba Dormitory.

Mrs. Newsome was a native of Columbia, Mississippi, where she graduated from high school at the age of fifteen. Continuing her education at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College (now Mississippi University for Women), she received an A.B. degree in 1902. In 1931, she was awarded an M.A. by the University of Mississippi.

In 1905, she married Judge A. E. Weathersby of Columbia; and after Judge Weathersby's death, she married the judge's court reporter, Mr. W. W. Newsome. Mr. Newsome served as court reporter for the 8th Judicial District after the Newsomes moved to Decatur.

There is no way the contributions that Stella Newsome made to East Central Junior College during the college's formative years and long after it became a well-established educational institution can be named in their entirety. In 1937, Mrs. Newsome sponsored the first East Central annual, the Wo-He-Lo. She organized the drama club and directed the first college plays. The May Day Program was instituted under her direction, and she established and was sponsor for the Wesley Foundation and the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. When the college established a library, Mrs. Newsome donated her personal library to help build the book collection.

Like any good teacher, she was not only active in the classroom, but was very active in the community as well. Always interested in politics, she was asked on several occasions to introduce candidates at political rallies. Theodore G. Bilbo and Thomas L. Bailey both requested to be introduced by her when they spoke in Decatur during their campaigns for governor.

In 1936, when Newton County celebrated its 100th anniversary as a county, Mrs. Newsome wrote and directed the pageant that depicted the history of the county. This pageant was presented in the old gymnasium at East Central, with groups and individuals from all over the county taking part.

Mississippi and its people were one of her major interests. The thesis for her masters degree was written on East Central Mississippi Folklore. To gather information for the thesis, she instructed students to question their parents and grandparents about cures, rhymes, riddles, tales, legends, superstitions, and songs related to this area of Mississippi. Even today, her thesis continues to represent one of the major collections of Mississippi folklore.

Mrs. Newsome was also active in church affairs. She was a Bible scholar and a Sunday School teacher. In the opinion of her students, she could deliver a better, more impressive, and more interesting sermon than many ministers. During her lifetime many honors came her way. In 1958, the Board of Trustees of the college voted to name a new residence hall for women, Newsome Hall, in her honor. She accepted this honor with her usual graciousness.

After her retirement from East Central in 1958, Mrs. Newsome taught part-time in the English department at Millsaps College and in 1964, Salem College in Salem, West Virginia, granted her the Honorary Doctor of Literary Letters degree in recognition of her work in teaching Junior College Humanities.

On July 9, 1966, at the age of 83, Mrs. Newsome passed away in Jackson at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marion Frances. She had been an active teacher for 50 of her 83 years.

While teaching at East Central, she had taken thirty sophomore classes on the trip from London to

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OFFICIAL WARRIOR PAINTING

Artwork entitled "The Warrior" (shown above) by East Central Community College instructor Bruce Guraedy has been designated by the college's Board of Trustees as the official "Warrior" painting for the two-year institution. Guraedy's "Warrior" illustration most recently appeared on the cover of the fall issue of The Warrior. Copies of the artwork can be purchased for $10.00, with proceeds earmarked for the Huff Auditorium Refurbishing Project.

Record Enrollment Announced for Spring

A record spring enrollment has been reported for East Central Community College, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said 1314 students are enrolled in day and evening classes for the 1991 spring term, which represents an increase of approximately four percent as compared to the 1266 total for the 1990 spring session.

Last fall the college experienced an all-time record enrollment of 1372 students.

East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties and offers classes throughout the five-county district.

ECJC Women Have Come A Long Way

The slogan in a current cigarette advertisement which states, "You've come a long way, baby" may not apply to all women; but there is one group that the slogan fits perfectly, and they are the female students at East Central Community College.

There are women all over Mississippi who remember the very strict rules that were in force when they attended East Central. As late as 1955, the women students who lived on campus were virtually kept under house arrest, and that is not an exaggeration. Let me explain.

Thirty years ago, girls were permitted outside the [illegible] from eight in the morning until [illegible] at night, unless they were [illegible] for breakfast or were [illegible] study in the library. Girls [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] put on [illegible] called "lingerie" [illegible] was "an [illegible] of affection." This [illegible] of the rules occurred when [illegible] put his arm around a girl's waist. A kiss in public was considered very excessive and might result in a girl being sent home.

One night a week girls were permitted to attend the movie. What was commonly called "movie duty" was assigned to a faculty member each week. Movie duty meant that the faculty member reported to the girls' dormitory on "movie night" and shepherded the girls and their dates along the two blocks between the theatre and the dormitory.

This assignment [illegible] meant that the faculty member must sit on the back row of the theatre and watch some of the worst B grade movies that Hollywood ever produced. Movie night was the only opportunity students had to go a little courting, so they [illegible] buy a ticket to [illegible] through [illegible] [illegible] dollar [illegible] [illegible] from fathers [illegible] office) giving [illegible] do so. With a [illegible] letter, a girl could go [illegible] the dormitory designated [illegible] "Smoking Room" and have a [illegible]

Riding in cars was strictly forbidden. A girl returning from home could drive her car to the college on Sunday afternoon, but the car must remain parked until she drove it home on Friday. When the movie in Decatur closed, girls were given permission to ride in automobiles to Newton. To be seen in an automobile on a road other than Highway 15 between Decatur and Newton was reason for a girl to be dismissed and sent home.

Rules for girls also included a dress code. Girls' dresses had to be a certain length from the floor. If the Dean of Women became suspicious of a dress length, she was authorized to have the young lady submit to a measurement. Shorts could be worn in physical education classes only. A raincoat was worn over the shorts to and from physical education activities.

Today the college has two rules for young women. Rule One: Behave yourself. Rule Two: Be in the dormitory before 2 a.m. But these two rules cause a problem. You see, it isn't any fun anymore. Figuring out a way to get around dormitory rules

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Decatur City Clerk Virginia Wall is shown in proper attire - 1941 style - in this photo which includes her husband, former patrolman Hansel Reeves.

Styles in 1942 are presented by these women who include, from left, Lelia McMullan, Melba Ruth Thornton, Laniel Coursey, Virginia Wall and Roberta Harrison.

More Newsome

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Canterbury with the twenty-nine other pilgrims. She had made hearts beat a little faster while she read Juliet's replies to Romeo, and she made eyes grow wide with wonder at her descriptions of Hell from Milton's Paradise Lost. She not only taught literature, she also taught a philosophy of life. Many of her former students now have grey hair and grandchildren, but they can still close their eyes and hear Miss Stella say:

"I strove with none, for none were worth my strife."

"The world is too full of wonderful things to be concerned with if's and and's and pots and pans."

"I fully approve of dancing, for it is impossible to sin with your feet."

"If a girl is willing to wash a man's dirty socks, then she loves him enough for the marriage to be successful."

Miss Stella's approach to life is probably best summed up in her favorite expression. "Do not let me be remembered in monuments of stone, but in the hearts of men."

CLIBURN HONORED

Retiring East Central Community College Board of Trustees member Lomer E. Cliburn of Union was honored by fellow trustees, Neshoba County officials, college representatives, family members and friends on the occasion of his 90th birthday on December 16, 1990. Cliburn, shown seated next to his wife, Matte Mae, has completed his second five-year term as a trustee from Neshoba County. Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth presented Cliburn with a resolution and plaque commemorating his 10 years of service on the ECCC Board and his many years of dedicated service to the field of education. Officials attending the luncheon ceremony included, from left, Neshoba County supervisors Dale Reynolds (District 4) and Dudley Warren (District 3); Neshoba County Chancery Clerk Bobby Posey, Mississippi College Alumni Association Director Bernard Blackwell, Mr. Hudspeth and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. The presentations were made during the Board's December luncheon-meeting held on the Decatur campus.

CLIBURN JOINS ECCC BOARD

Edsel Cliburn, center, was recently appointed by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors to a five-year term on the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Cliburn, who resides in the McDonald community, succeeds his father, L.E. Cliburn, who retired from the college's governing body after completing two five-year terms. Shown with Cliburn, a wildlife biologist with the Mississippie Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks, are, from left, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, and H.B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, board chairman.

ROGERS JOINS ECCC BOARD

Dale Rogers, center, was recently appointed by the Leake County Board of Supervisors to a five-year term on the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Rogers, who resides in Walnut Grove, is owner of Rogers Furniture and Appliance Store. He replaces Benjamin Johnson as one of five trustees from Leake County. Shown with Rogers are, from left, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, and H.B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, board chairman.

More ECJC Women

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was once half the fun of being at college. Crawling up a fire escape or slithering through a louvered window after the dormitory was closed isn't necessary anymore. Smoking under a blanket (it burned the eyes) or turning out the light and blowing the smoke out a window made smoking a real challenge. Because of the rule about wearing shorts on campus, even the fun of wearing nothing but a raincoat to the student center isn't a titillating experience anymore.

Some colleges and universities now have coed dormitories or permit boys to visit in girls' rooms. I am sure this is convenient, but it probably isn't half as exciting as riding through the East Central Junior College campus on the back floorboard of a car so you couldn't be seen and consequently sent home for riding in an automobile.

Letters

Mr. Bubby Johnston
P.O. Box 50
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Dear Mr. Johnston,

Thank you so much for the October volume of *The Warrior*. I have greatly enjoyed reading it and catching up on former classmates and teachers.

I'm enclosing a check for $10.00 to pay for my subscription and also for a subscription for my former roommate, Reatha Comans. I enjoy keeping in contact with old friends and I know she will enjoy receiving your newsy magazine.

Also, I'm sending you addresses of friends from my graduating class of 1980. I wish I could pay for all the subscriptions for them. If you could send a notice letting them know of your magazine, I'm sure several would subscribe. I don't think people know that you offer this.

I would enjoy reading more articles about students and what careers they have chosen, etc.

Keep up the good work and thank you for a great alumni magazine.
Sincerely,
Leisa Richardson Beaussang
918 Canal Street
Irving, TX 75063

Dr. Eddie Smith
President
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dr. Eddie:

Homecoming '90 was a smashing success!

Everything about it indicated a class act. Highlights for me:

•The attractive students serving as greeters.

•Well-organized registration.

•The outstanding luncheon, with a record attendance of nearly 350.

•The game and halftime ceremonies.

•The after-the-game reception, a super class act!

East Central has come a long way under your leadership! I can't imagine a better homecoming at any school. Please again convey my congratulations and thanks to all involved, especially Dr. Tucker, Bubby, Harvey Trapp, Ovid and Carol Vickers, and the officers of your alumni association.

Once again, you've proven my contention that Mississippi community colleges are one of the best things this state has going!

I know that homecoming isn't part of anyone's regular job, that all efforts are above and beyond the call of duty, and that real jobs awaited everyone Monday morning!

So please share this letter with appropriate parties.

Even my mother-in-law was pleased!
Sincerely,
Larry Houge
Manager, Education Services
Mississippi Power and Light Company
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Mr. Bubby Johnston
P.O. Box 50
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Dear Mr. Johnston,

Thank you for sending a copy of *The Warrior*. It is a beautiful publication. It is enough to make those of us who graduated in 1940 quite jealous but also proud of you.

It would be interesting to see some pictures of the buildings for those of us who live too far away to visit occasionally.

Enclosed is a small donation and best wishes for the future of your *Warrior* Magazine.
Sincerely,
Mary Helen (Walker) Barrier
3933 N. Hacienda Drive
Fresno, CA 93705

Mr. Bubby Johnston
P.O. Box 50
ECCC
Decatur, MS

Dear Bubby:

What a pleasant surprise to receive the latest issue of *The Warrior*! It was put on my desk this afternoon by a lady in my office. Along with it were several other pieces of mail, so I didn't notice it immediately. Later, as I began to sort through the mail, I realized what it was and started thumbing through it. I spent the next hour "thumbing" through your publication and enjoyed it immensely.

First, you and those who assist you are to be commended for publishing such a well done piece. Not only is it full of interesting information, it is so professionally done and attractive.

Naturally, as I read I recalled fondly my years at East Central (1961-63). So many of the individuals about whom articles were written stand out in my memory as quality instructors and human beings who have made a difference in my life and in the lives of countless others.

I recall vividly many happy, although demanding, hours spent on the basketball court as Denver Brackeen coached us to 37 victories in the two years I played for him. As a starter in the 1962-63 team, along with Bob Tom Johnson (Morton), Charlie Payne (Union), Rayburn Waddell (Philadelphia) and Randy Cheatham (Philadelphia), I had the rare opportunity to be part of a great team and to proudly represent East Central.

Reading the article about Ms. Una Harris jogged my memory to recall those days when I had to leave her class and get to Mr. Cross' Chemistry class. Ms. Harris had a habit of waiting until the bell had rung to begin giving assignments for the next class meeting. Since her assignments were always very detailed, I was invariably late for Chemistry class, which Mr. Cross found upsetting. What a predicament! In spite of that minor perplexing situation, I remember both of them as fine instructors who earned respect and represented excellence in teaching. The same can be said for other instructors whom I remember quite well, Ovid Vickers and L.B. Simmons.

I also read with great pleasure about the accomplishments of former Forest mates like Larry Houge. Although I was several years ahead of Gary Gordon and Steve Lee, I know them and their families and join in congratulating these fellow Forest graduates on their achievements. As a matter of fact, I believe you fall into that category and are certainly to be commended for the work you are doing to further the interest and image of East Central.

There were several East Central mates highlighted in *The Warrior*, too, that I remember well. Among them is Eddie Smith, your current president. I remember what a whiz he was in math! I think he and I were in the same trigonometry class, and I recall how desperately I struggled to pass and how he set the curve on all the tests given by Amo Vincent.

I could go on for a while about the rich educational and social experience I encountered at East Central. Needless to say, I treasure them and value greatly the friendships and associations begun there.

I am enclosing my alumni dues along with the Alumni Data Sheet. Thank you for sending *The Warrior*. I look forward to future issues.
Sincerely,
Don Eure
Vice President of Personnel
Baddour, Inc.
4300 New General Road
Memphis, TN 38118

Dr. Eddie Smith, President
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Eddie:

Because you're so young and we're from the same town, I've assumed the prerogative of calling you by your first name. (I met you on the occasion of my class's fiftieth reunion - 1986)

I was through Noxapater last week. I took my sister, now of Pittsburgh, a graduate also of N.H.S. and of "E.C.J.C.," to Lake Tiak O'Khata for lunch with a teacher I had at Liberty before it was consolidated with Noxapater: Mrs. Roger (Grace) Allen. That lady brought a glimpse of what the world was like on the outside to rural Winston County fifty years ago, and I wanted to tell her so.

I am enclosing a check for twenty-five (25.00) dollars toward your air-conditioning project for Huff Auditorium. It's not much; but besides Decatur, I am solicited by six universities and colleges which have claims on this household.
Sincerely yours,
Elgie W. Chatham
1718 Pineview Circle
Meridian, MS 39305
P.S.

I enjoy the magazine. What about some class notes? Maybe you could lump the oldies like me in something like "Before 1940" and then 50's to 60's, etc., meaning the graduating class.

If you should do so, perhaps even an In Memoriam Column. I'll give you an item: Mrs. Alton Garrett, Lella Lee Manning, Class of 1936, died in August, 1990, in Jackson. She was a retired teacher and elementary school principal. (She was my roommate at E.C.J.C. and later at M.S.C.W.) You may have the names I included. If I think of others, I'll send them.

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Feature

Community Colleges Are So Often Underrated

(Note: The following article, written by East Central alumnus Chris Gilmer of the Scott County Times staff, appeared in the February 27, 1991 issue of the weekly newspaper.)

My parents always told me that nothing is a bargain if you don't need it. That means if you have a GI Joe doll or a large pack of Oreo cookies, then you don't need another one just because somebody put it on sale.

It's a pretty good philosophy of economics, I suppose, unless you are the one with something to sell, but no doubt the converse of the statement rings equally true.

If you do need something, the time to buy it is when it is on sale and the person to buy it from is, well, you know the rest.

One of the main rules to remember is that you must never compromise quality. It may be inexpensive, but it is worthless unless it is also good.

To my way of thinking this juvenile economics lesson is all that is required for us to find a real bargain -- the kind that is good and inexpensive -- no more than 45 minutes away from any point in Scott County.

I am speaking of a bargain in higher education, one which is proportionately just as good today as it was in 1928. That's the year that East Central Community College in Decatur opened its doors to its first freshman class.

With one of the finest faculties that I know of anywhere and a semester expense of only $1,170 for dormitory students, it was still a bargain when it enrolled a record 1,372 students during the fall semester of this academic year.

CHRIS GILMER

Compare that price with the one quoted in the catalog of a university or private four-year college.

As for the test of quality, which I still believe is an intrinsic part of any bargain, East Central passes and surpasses.

I am not about to become involved in calling the names of those faculty members who have distinguished

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East Central Teams Post Winning Campaigns

The 1990-91 basketball season for both East Central Community College squads has come to an end as both teams were eliminated in first-round action of the Region 23 Tournament held at Mississippi College.

Led by second-year coach Jay Bowen, the Warriors lost a heart-breaking 129-120 double overtime thriller to Northeast Community College in tournament action played on March 5. However, the East Central men concluded one of their best seasons in recent memory by posting a 21-6 overall mark.

Warrior pointmakers were Tyrone Stowers, 31; Kevin Kennedy, 21; Tony Bailey, 17; Terry Thames, 14; Mark Stribling, 13; Eric Mays, 12; Michael James, 5; Luther Riley, 3; Marvin Nash and Vandy Hopson, 2 each.

East Central led 48-40 at halftime.

Sammy Pace's Lady Warriors also lost a close matchup as they fell to state tournament champion Holmes Community College by a 71-70 margin on March 4. The East Central women ended season play with an overall 13-9 record.

In other action, Carolyn Boatman and Paula Nash each tailed 20 points in the season-ending contest.

Also scoring were Shontel Lowe, 15; Shea Oakley, 8; Tammie Rigdon and Beverly Ware, 3 each; and Gloria Clay, 1.

The Lady Warriors led 31-27 at halftime.

OBITUARIES

ECCC Supporter Dies January 29

GARY ADKINS

East Central Community College lost a friend and supporter when Gary Adkins of Philadelphia passed away on January 29, 1991.

Adkins, a member of the East Central Alumni Council and a familiar figure at East Central activities, attended East Central from 1955 until 1957, along with his wife, the former Dimple Tidwell. Their daughter Carol Ann also attended East Central.

Adkins, who was 53, was a pharmacist and the owner of Adkins Pharmacy in Philadelphia. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Trinity Baptist church and a Gideon. He had served on the State Board of Pharmacy and was a member of the American Legion.

Prior to opening his own pharmacy in Philadelphia, Adkins had worked as a pharmacist and manager of Albright and Wood Drug Store in Meridian.

Commenting on Adkins' untimely death, Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of the College, stated, "Gary was a loyal alumnus and was active in alumni affairs. He rarely missed Homecoming, and as the Neshoba County Representative on the Alumni Council, he was present at all meetings and expressed a keen interest in the welfare of the college. He will be greatly missed by the entire East Central family."

Harris Dies in Indianola

Jack Taylor Harris, 56, of Moorhead, died Tuesday, October 23, 1990 at South Sunflower County Hospital in Indianola.

Mr. Harris served as an alderman on the Moorhead City Board for 16 years, from 1973 to 1989.

He was a native of Newton and had lived in Moorhead for 29 years. A graduate of East Central Junior College, he received a BS degree in Industrial Education from MSU. He served with the Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at MS Delta Junior College, now MS Delta Community College from 1966 until retirement in 1989. Mr. Harris was a charter member of the Moorhead Lions Club. He was a member of Moorhead United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Craven Harris of Moorhead; daughters, Emelia Ruth Stambaugh of Brunswick, GA and Mandy Adams of Sunflower; his mother, Lorene Taylor Harris of Newton; sisters, Sue Thomas of Gautier and Margaret Baucum of Perris, CA; and two grandchildren.

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themselves as some of the best among their peers. Nor am I going to call the names of those who were instrumental in getting my personal higher education off to a sound beginning.

As surely as I did, I would leave off someone's name because virtually everyone on the faculty goes beyond what is required by the institution, becoming known, respected and appreciated in academic and civic circles.

As for the personal note, I'll just say that I count many of the people who were once my instructors at East Central among my friends today. A few of them are not here anymore, but most of them are -- waiting to do for you or your child no less than they did for me.

Now would be a good time for us to dispel a few myths about how the community colleges in general fit into our state's higher education system. They are not, as I have too often heard, the step-children of higher education where the students who are not good enough for the universities can find a home.

I have lost track of most of the people who were in my class, but I can account for two people who will soon be doctors, one bank vice president and a teacher of gifted students. Had I the time, no doubt I could fatten the list.

The classes were not easier at East Central than they were when I transferred to Southern, and while I expect that to be the case at the other community colleges as well, I can really only speak to my own experience.

I point this out to indicate that academic integrity is just as important to the folks in Decatur as it is important to those in Oxford, Jackson, Hattiesburg or Starkville.

I am a perennial English major, and I have not had a better English teacher anywhere than the ones at East Central. Obviously the soon-to be medical doctor's chemistry and anatomy classes were good enough to prepare him for success in medical school. The same is the case for the gifted teacher, and the list could go on.

As for sports and other extracurricular activities, East Central has one of the most active and respected Phi Theta Kappa chapters in the nation, numerous division [illegible] athletic teams, clubs and organizations furthering the cause of many academic disciplines.

Now that we have established what East Central [illegible] and by extension the other community colleges in the state system [illegible] as well as the big school [illegible] by discussing what it does better.

No one can deny the economic advantage, but there are other advantages as well.

Whenever I walk onto that campus, almost six years since I received my degree, they still know who I am. Furthermore, they still care who I am.

When you have a problem, someone there will slow down long enough to help you fix it. If it is one of your own teachers, he or she will probably know your name, often times someone who is a member of your family and almost surely something about the community in which you grew up.

They will do that much or more for you not because it is their job, but because they are home folks and they really care. Caring is a concept in education which I put on the same level with expertise in a given field. It is also a word which is becoming frighteningly less apparent in our educational system.

Not for one moment do I think that East Central is the only good college which we have available to us. Not for one moment do I think that it has a monopoly on quality administrators, faculty members and students.

You can get a good education at any other college in the state, or you can get a good education without ever setting foot on a college campus. Unfortunately the latter does not make you very marketable in our world, so we see that first test for a bargain has been met.

Higher education is something which we all need. You can get a good education by traveling hundreds or thousands of miles from home and paying enough money for 10 people to attend a community college, or you can support the college which most actively supports our local economy and which has made the largest investment of time, energy and human resources in our area.

Several people told me when I graduated from high school that I would be wasting two years of my life by attending a community college. At that time I said nothing and went about my business because I didn't know what to say.

Today I say that the worst higher education mistake made by the families of Mississippi is closing their personal doors on the community colleges before ever allowing them to be opened.

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WARRIOR CLUB OFFICERS

Fundraising efforts for East Central Community College athletics are being led by these college officials and former athletes who have been named Warrior Club officers for the 1991 campaign. Seated from left are at-large representative Earl Marshall of Clinton, president-elect Patsy Clark of Louisville, in-district representative Lois Cooper of Decatur, past president Lucille Wood of Decatur and president Gary Risher of Forest. Standing from left are in-district representatives Kermit Carpenter of Forest and Ken Gordon of Morton, college president Dr. Eddie M. Smith, athletic coordinator-head football coach A.J. Kilpatrick, and in-district representatives Jack Thames of Newton and Fred Kirkland of Philadelphia. For additional information concerning Warrior Club contributions contact Gary Risher or the college's public information office.

Alumni News

East Central Alumnus Selected to Lead Inter-Alumni Association

In every Mississippi county, city and town, and on nearly every Mississippi street, road and rural route lives someone who attended a Mississippi community or junior college. Clarion-ledger columnist Danny McKenzie, an alumnus of three Mississippi community colleges, had the idea to gather these folks together to create a Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Association.

That association is now a reality with a constitution and by-laws, officers and board of directors, and aims and objectives. McKenzie, Mississippi's 15 two-year college presidents and representatives, and juco alumni met in Jackson on February 26 and formed the Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Association.

The group hopes to mobilize the large number of Mississippians who have community college roots. "It's a cooperative and concerted effort to promote and advance community college education," says Dr. Eddie Smith, president of East Central Community College.

Specifically, the organization plans to aid the community and junior colleges in four areas: function, facilities, faculty and finances. Association members will garner support for programs which meet local needs, adequate facilities, qualified faculty and sufficient funding.

The Board of Directors will meet on March 19 to formulate goals and objectives for 1991-92, says Earl Marshal, president of the Association.

STATE ALUMNI OFFICERS

Officers and board members for the newly established Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Association, representing the state's 15 public community and junior colleges, are, seated, from left, Edna Drewry; Earl Marshall, president; Sidney Runnels, vice president; and Jackie Granberry, secretary-treasurer. Standing, from left, Charles Carruth, Frank McClinton, Eddie Smith, and L.D. Stringfellow. The Association's goal is to foster statewide support for public two-year colleges and to aid those colleges in meeting the needs of local communities and students. Marshall, a Philadelphia native who resides in Clinton, is an alumnus of East Central Community College in Decatur.

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Each community and junior college and their respective alumni associations are members of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Organization, explains Marshall. Alumni should contact their local alumni associations for information.

Firefighter? Fireperson? Firewoman?... Decatur Has One in Karla Rushing

When Karla Rushing was a child, the little girls in her neighborhood spent most of their time playing with dolls. Karla, however, wasn't interested in dolls. She wanted to engage in a more exciting activity like fighting fires. So, while the other little girls dressed their dolls and rolled them around in little carriages, Karla collected twenty or thirty cardboard boxes, stacked them up to create an imaginary house, set this cardboard house on fire, and promptly put it out with the garden hose.

During her high school years, Karla had a keen ear for the fire siren, and whenever possible, she followed the fire trucks and eagerly watched Decatur's volunteer fire department put out a house fire, stop a grass fire, or extinguish a burning automobile.

After graduating from East Central Junior College and one week before she married Randy Rushing, Karla Pennington joined the Decatur Fire Department. Karla has now been an active "firewoman" for three years and continues to be Decatur's first and only female fire fighter.

When I asked Karla what she found fascinating about fighting fires, and what had been the driving force behind her lifelong ambition to be a member of a fire department, she said, "I have always been interested in what was happening in my community, and I have also wanted to help other people whenever I could. I thought that being connected with the fire department would give me the opportunity to keep up with local events and at the same time I could be of service to the community."

Karla readily admits that she was a little nervous (scared is more like it) when she first began working with the fire department. Three things have helped her to overcome any doubts she might have had about her capabilities as a fire fighter. First, she went for training at the State Fire Academy at Pearl. At the academy, she took training in firefighting techniques, personal safety, and the kinds of fires that a fire fighter can be expected to encounter.

She has also trained as an Emergency Medical Technician, which makes her capable of offering basic life support to a person injured in a fire or to one suffering from smoke inhalation. "But," Karla says, "it is experience that gives a fighter the most confidence. There is no teacher like personal, on the job, experience."

The nucleus of the Decatur Fire Department is made up of Danny

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A HAPPY ENDING!

Daisy Mae (played by Gay Chamblee of Philadelphia) finally nabs Li'l Abner (Michael Roland of Carthage) to the delight of Marryin' Sam (Barney Comans of Sebastopol) and other cast members during this closing scene of the East Central Community College musical production. The annual spring presentation played to sell-out audiences for all four evening performances and two matinees April 3-6, 1991. Directed by speech and theater instructor Miss Judy Carroll, the musical is presented by the ECCC players.

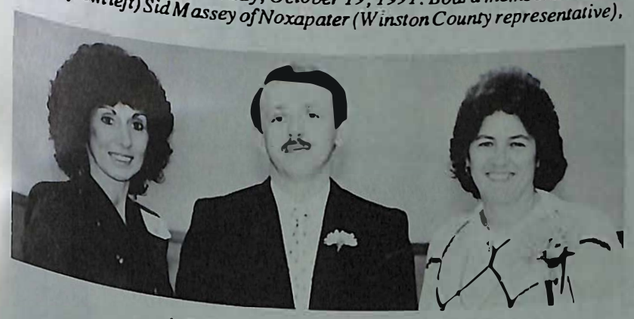
HOMECOMING 1990

FORMER WARRIORS HOLD REUNION

These members of the 1958 and 1959 college football teams got together for a first-time reunion held during the 1990 Homecoming activities. The former Warrior athletes represent the first two teams coached by Bobby Oswalt. The 1958 team posted a 7-4 overall record and the 1959 squad went 4-4. Those attending included, front row, from left, Dan Chatwood, Fairhope, AL; Freddie Joe Chiles, Tupelo; Jim Fisackerly, New Orleans; Ralph Frazier, Wesson; Don Griswold, Jonesboro, GA; Larry Henderson, Mobile; Billy Kilpatrick, Philadelphia; Jimmy Livingston, Tuscaloosa; back row, from left, Truman Manning, Morton; Gaines Massey, Brandon; Tommy Neal, New Boston, TX; Albert Parks, Jackson; William Richardson, Forest; Chester Sawyer, Morton; Milton Thomas, Brandon; and Coach Oswalt. Oswalt coached a total of four seasons at East Central and had winning campaigns each year. His 1960 team had a 5-4-1 record and the 1961 group recorded a 7-3 mark. Those attending the reunion but not shown include Robert Fred Kirkland of Philadelphia, Ray Hildebrand of San Antonio, TX; and Doyle Scaite of Many, LA.

ECCC ALUMNI OFFICIALS MEET

Plans for Homecoming, 1991 were among topics of discussion during the recent spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Central Community College Alumni Association. The alumni officials announced Homecoming activities will be held Saturday, October 19, 1991. Board members include (seated from left) Sid Massey of Noxapater (Winston County representative), Paul Chamblee of Carthage (Leake County), Mrs. Patsy Clark of Louisville, secretary-treasurer; Skip Latham of Morton, alumni association president; Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur, vice president; Dan Harrison of Newton (Newton County) and Ed Eichelberger of Forest (Scott County). Standing are college officials (from left) Jimmy Dempsey, vocational-technical counselor; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president; John Adcock, director of vocational-technical instruction; Chris Little of Philadelphia, student body association president; and Dr. Phil Sulphin, dean of students. Not pictured are Earl Marshall of Clinton, past association president; Jerome Hardy of Philadelphia (Neshoba County representative); and out-of-district representatives James M. Vance of Meridian and Larry Payne of Clinton.



ALUMNI OFFICERS

Alumni Association officers selected for 1990-91 include, from left, Patsy Clark of Louisville, secretary-treasurer; Skippy Lathem of Morton, president; and Lois Cooper of Decatur, vice president.

HOMECOMING HONOREES

Pictured are outstanding East Central alumni and instructors who were honored during the October 13, 1990 Homecoming activities. From left are Larry Hogue of Flowood, selected "Alumnus of the Year;" Jo McMullan Taylor of Forest, "Alumna of the Year;" Lois Foster McMullan, "Outstanding Academic Instructor;" Wallace Keen, "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor;" and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Sherrell Ray Marshall of Jackson, Jeff Loper of Decatur and Richard Harris of Hickory.

HOMECOMING 1990

1980 GRADUATES

These members of the 1980 East Central graduating class met during Homecoming activities and include, seated from left, Melissa Thompson, Jackson; Polly Mayes, Newton; and standing, from left, Bryan Warren, Clinton; Skip Lathem, Morton; David Stradley, Madison, Alabama; and Mark May, Macon, Georgia.

CHAMPION WARRIORETTE TEAM HONORED

Members of the 1975-76 State Champion Warriorette basketball team were honored during the 1990 Homecoming celebration. Coached by Lucille Wood, the East Central women also won the ECCC Invitational and North Division championship. The Lady Warriors ended the season with an 18-5 overall record. Team members who attended the 15th reunion honoring the state title holders included, seated from left, manager Mike Hatcher, Noxapater; Vickie Cumberland Moody, Madden; Barbara Harrison, Little Rock; Donna Carter Spiers, Picayune; standing, from left, Debbie Pearson, Hickory; Coach Wood; Brenda Haralson Emmons, Brandon; Julie Latham Lathem, Morton; and Diana Lyons Jones, Hattiesburg,. Not pictured are Jeanette Barnes, Miami, Florida; Cheryl Hicks Crooks, Marietta, Georgia; Freda Jo Crotwell Jenkins, Morton; Evelyn Bender, Newton; Linda Quinn Kirk, Noxapater; Runnie Hill Williams, Carthage; and Bonnie Hatcher Creekmore, Laurel.

FIRST ECCC DIPLOMA PRESENTED

The first diploma issued by East Central Community College (then East Central Junior College) was presented by 1930 class member Frances Harris Smith, right, to college president Dr. Eddie Smith who has placed the prized document in the school's archives in Burton Library.

NATIONAL GUARD GROUP HONORED

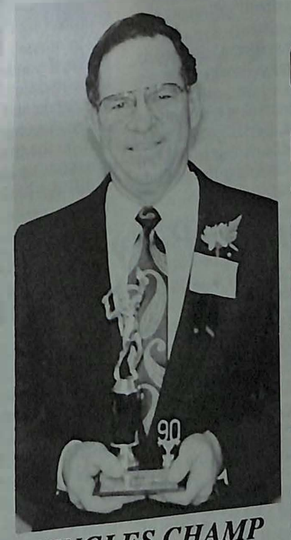
Above are members of the 932nd Field Artillery Battalion of the Mississippi National Guard who were called to active duty on November 14, 1940 while students at East Central Community College. The former World War II servicemen were honored on their 50-year reunion during the 1990 Homecoming activities. Of the 84 men in the original complay unit, 38 are still alive. The group spent five years in Florida, North Africa, Italy and Central Europe, engaging in five major conflicts in the North African and European compaigns with not a single life lost in battle. Pictured are, front row, from left, Charles E. Pace, Woodsworth, Louisiana; Norman P. Coghlan, Decatur; Lamar E. Arthur, Clinton; James A. White, Meridian; B. Frank Hunter, Brookhaven; second row, from left, Harold B. Mason, Newton; Ernest H. Boswell, Jackson; Quentin L. Rives, Starkville; and James L. Wall, Decatur.

HOMECOMING COURT, ESCORTS

Members of the 1990 Homecoming Court included, seated from left, freshman maids Kimberly Shirley, Forest; Amy Fussell, Louisville; and Wendy Ellis, Carthage; Queen Michelle Mitchell, Morton; Maid of Honor Renae Thames, Union; and sophomore maids Amy Cumberland, Philadelphia; Michalle Everett, Hickory; and Buffy Reeves, Decatur. Standing from left are escorts Bruce Hall, Forest; Chad Harrison, Union; Matthew Freeny, Carthage; Scott Sumerall, Morton; Derek Brown, Newton; Brian Jones, Philadelphia; Ken Humphries, Louisville; and Brian Cooper, Decatur.

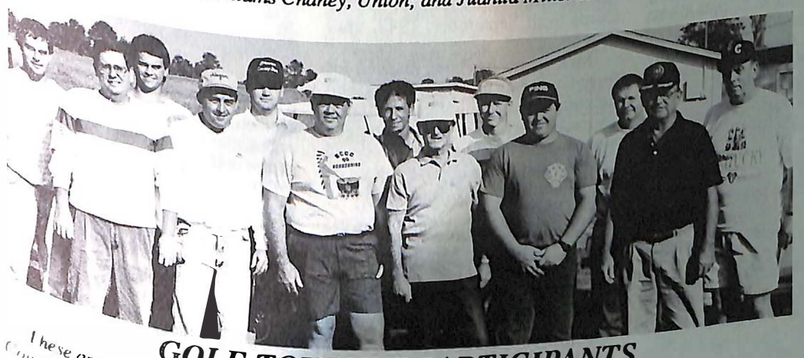
1940 CLASS HAS REUNION

The 1940 graduate class of East Central Community College observed its 50th reunion during the 1990 Homecoming activities. Class members who attended their Golden Anniversary celebration included, seated from left, Jimmy Bailey, Kosciusko; Harrison Boswell, Jackson; Estell Burkes Wilcox, Carthage; Regina Chalk Evans, Chico, California; Dot Cunningham Park, Waco, Texas; Ide B. Dickens, Carthage; Naomi Foster Blount, Decatur; Agatha Hamilton Merchant, Koscuisko; standing, from left, Opal Dayne Hopper Green, Koscuisko; Eileen Jones Spivey, Athens, Georgia; Nannie B. Kemp, Moss Point; Eloise McMullan Lambert, Mobile, Alabama; Albert Parkes, Bela Vista, Arkansas; Curtis Slay, Jackson; C. D. Spivey, Athens, Georgia; Neadra Thames Lockwood, Collinsville; Daisy Kate Williams Chaney, Union; and Juanita Miller Hewett, Meadville.



SINGLES CHAMP

Raymond McMullan, East Central's director of admissions, records and research, won the singles championship in the annual alumni/student tennis tournament held as part of the college's Homecoming celebration. McMullan has won the men's singles event for the past several years. Winning the doubles competition were Herman Davis and Wayne Burton, both of Newton.



GOLF TOURNEY PARTICIPANTS

These area golfers participated in the annual Alumni/Student Golf Tournament held at Newton Country Club. Pictured are, from left, Chris Clark, Decatur; Ronnie Crawford, Newton; Brian Cooper, Decatur; Tommy Harthcock and Joel Nelson, both of Newton; Rickie Vaughn, Decatur; Lonnie Faulkner, Carthage; Tommy Thrash and Ken McMullan, both of Decatur; Robbie Pearson, Union; Robert Munn, Newton; Carl Hollingsworth and Joe Clark, both of Decatur. Nelson captured championship honors in the 9-hole event as he carded a two-under-par 34.

More Firefighter

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Cherry, Raymond Overstreet, Danny Shoemaker, Randy Rushing and Karla Rushing. Randy is Karla's husband, and he has been with the fire department for five years. Randy and Karla may be the only husband and wife fire fighting team in Mississippi.

Karla does everything the male members of the department do. She can chop through a burning roof with an ax or pick, drive one of Decatur's two fire trucks, or man a hose. (I know about this equality thing, but it does seem awkward to say "woman a hose.")

I had wondered what Karla's mother, Betty Johnston Pennington, thought about her daughter becoming a fire fighter. Karla says that her mother has backed her all the way and is proud of the fact that her daughter is not afraid to dash down the highway driving a big red fire truck with a thousand gallon pumping capacity.

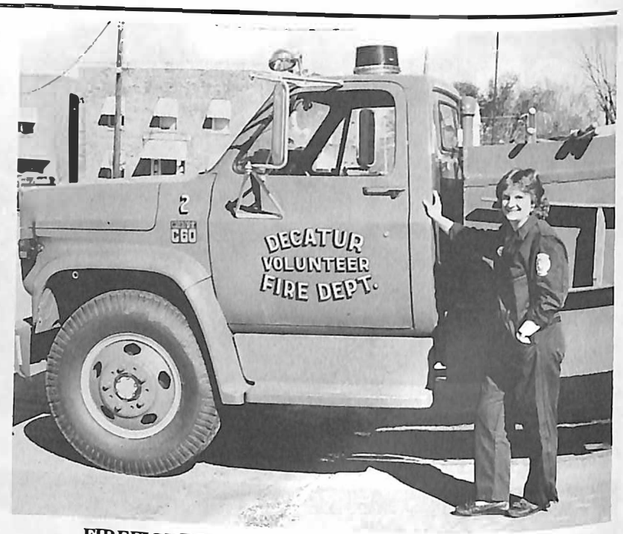
The Decatur Fire Department routinely answers calls when there is a brush fire, a grass fire, an electrical fire, or a car motor that has become overheated and bursts into flame. These fires must be extinguished, but it is the house fires that Karla finds most challenging.

When the Jenkins house on Greenland Road recently caught fire, the fire fighting units from Union, House and Decatur responded. Karla was right there with the Decatur unit dressed in her fire resistant coat and boots, but no makeup. According to Karla, it's difficult to keep makeup on straight while fighting a fire. The heat melts the lipstick, or something like that.

Karla Rushing does not treat her volunteer work as a firewoman lightly. She is as serious about her position on the County Capitol fire department as she is about her regular job as an employee of the State Welfare Department.

There are those who still think that a woman's place is in the home, but I readily agree that Karla is just as important to protecting the lives and property of the people of Decatur as any full-time employee of the New York City Fire Department would be to protecting the Big Apple.

So, if you hear a fire siren go off in the middle of the night, pull back the curtain and watch the fire trucks go by. Among the black-coated figures on the truck will be a little girl who grew up in Decatur and has now fulfilled a lifelong ambition to fight fires.



FIREFIGHTER KARLA RUSHING OF DECATUR

Alumni Play Important Role in Recruiting Students

By DR. PHIL SUTPHIN
Dean of Students

You are a valuable resource to East Central. As an institution, we are judged by the quality of our former students. However, you can help us in ways which go beyond the silent testimony of your actions. You can take an active role by seeking prospective students and telling them of your experiences at EC.

"Sell quality, not price," is an old sales slogan, but at East Central, we can do both. We have quality and we have a reasonable cost. Graduates of East Central do well. The data we receive consistently supports this statement. Whether it is reports from employers, or follow-up data from senior college, our graduates can compete.

A low cost of attendance is the best scholarship available. When a student can get a quality education at a minimum cost we have all succeeded. At East Central, we try to hold our costs to a minimum while working to maintain and improve the quality of what we offer. Of course we have a complete financial aid and scholarship program. We offer vocational/technical scholarships, academic scholarships, athletic scholarship and activity scholarships. In addition to our many scholarships we also offer a full financial aid program based on state and federal funds.

As alumni you can help us attract good students. Send us the names of prospects. Tell them of the quality they will find at EC. Let them know that we have modern facilities. Our classrooms are very accommodating. East Central's library resources are top quality. We have just remodeled four of our six residence halls. The cafeteria provides wholesome meals to our students, faculty and staff.

However, the key to quality is the faculty, and East Central has a dedicated faculty. Many of our faculty have received awards for the good job they do in the classroom. Further, many of our faculty members speak to off campus groups and organizations. Their dedication to East Central and its students is clear.

Our advisement intervention system is one of the key areas in which we combine the dedication of

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Evans Renews Friendships During Homecoming Celebration

When Regina Chalk Evans returned to the East Central for Homecoming in the fall of 1990, she was able to renew friendships made fifty years ago.

Now living in Chico, California, Mrs. Evans came to East Central in the fall of 1938 and graduated in the spring of 1940. She later attended San Jose State College in California, but health problems caused her to leave college one semester short of her degree.

A native of Winston County, Mrs. Chalk was the first enlisted woman from that county in World War II and was a member of the Women's Army Corps from September, 1942, until October, 1945.

Mrs. Evans has been married for forty-five years to Alfred Evans, and the couple has a daughter, Dr. Martha Evans-Kiersch, a neural psychologist who works with brain damaged children and adults in private practice while teaching part-time at Fresno State University.

As an avid volunteer worker for all her adult life, Mrs. Evans has contributed untold hours to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto, California, as well as being a member of the Altar Guild at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and a member of the Auxiliary of Chico Community Hospital.

When asked about her memories of East Central, Mrs. Evans reminisced, "I thoroughly loved my days at East Central. Three people helped make it possible for me to attend: Mr. Earnest Boswell, Supervisor of District Four, Winston County; J.R. Gipson, Business Manager at the college; and Dr. L. O. Todd, President of the college.

REGINA EVANS

"I can still name every teacher I had at East Central, and when I transferred to San Jose State, I received full credit for every course taken and even some credits for upper division classes. I think that says a great deal for the quality of education I received at East Central."

Mrs. Evans' contributions to her community in California have not gone unnoticed. She is one of the few people in the country who can boast of having a street named for them. In Saratoga, Santa Clara County, California, there is a street named "Via Regina," in honor of Regina Chalk Evans, a proud East Central graduate.

Gene Wiggins: As Formal As A Hoedown!

The graduate student leaned against a large oak near Southern Hall, folded his arms and smiled.

"The reason I picked USM?" he asked rhetorically. "That's simple. It's just one word: Wiggins. He's the reason I'm here."

Many graduate communication students at The University of Southern Mississippi would give the same answer.

Dr. Gene Wiggins, the director USM's School of Communication, is one of the most popular administrators on the Hattiesburg campus. Students love him. Faculty admire and respect him.

First impressions of Wiggins often are inaccurate. He destroys all your academic stereotypes. He's not quiet or reserved or sophisticated or particularly dignified - all those adjectives usually attached to an academician.

Rather, Wiggins seems strangely out of place, like a guy named Bubba serving as curator of the Louvre.

Wiggins teases students; he laughs; he cracks jokes. He's about as formal as a hoedown. Students drop by his office to chat, to trade one-liners and to share laughs. He always seems to be open for business. With some administrators, your clothes go out of style while you wait to see them. Not with Wiggins. He makes time.

"Dr. Wiggins is fair, honest and he's got a great sense of humor," says Bill Moak, a recent graduate who now works in Jackson. "He's one of the best people I've ever met. The thing I like best about him is that he just tries to be himself. There's nothing phony about him."

Wiggins oversees a vast operation.

East Central alumnus Dr. Gene Wiggins who serves as director of the School of Communication at the University of Southern Mississippi (Story and photo courtesy of the USM Alumni Association).

The department of journalism, speech communication, and radio, television, and film are under his jurisdiction. He directs one of the nation's largest graduate schools. He supervises theses, dissertations, and advises students. And he still finds time to teach. His speciality is press law.

"Dr. Wiggins is dead serious about academics and his teaching," says Dianne Coleman, his secretary. "He laughs and teases students a lot, but he's all business in the classroom."

Students agree. They joke that his tests are tougher than a two-dollar T-bone.

"He is thorough and completely prepared, and he expects you to be, too," says Cimmie Jordan, a junior journalism major. "Getting ready for his tests will cost you some sleep. They're not easy."

USM's graduate communication program is the 11th largest in the nation. USM has more doctoral communication students than Georgia, Stanford, UCLA, and Iowa. USM is the only institution in Mississippi that offers a doctorate in communication and a master's degree in public relations.

"We're proud of our program," says Wiggins. "We expect to continue to grow and expand. The students we have here now are some of the best we've ever had. We think our future is very bright."

Wiggins has been director of the communication program since 1981. After graduating from East Central Community College, he received his bachelor's degree from USM in 1965, returned to get his master's in 1970, and received his doctorate from Southern Illinois University in 1973. He worked for three years at *The Jackson Daily News* and for two years at *The Hattiesburg American* before he returned to USM in '70 to get his master's.

"I think I was starting to get burned out on newspaper work," he says. "I had to make a decision, and I chose education. Looking back, I'm glad I did. I'm fortunate I chose this path."

More Recruiting

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our faculty and the quality of our efforts. We don't want a single student to have problems due to a lack of advising. Every full-time student has an advisor in his or her area of study. The students and their advisors meet several times during the year. In addition, our placement testing program, part of the advisement intervention program, helps students take the courses they need to meet their goals.

East Central has experienced increased in enrollment because of the educational value we offer. As alumni you can help us get the word out to your community and prospective students. East Central is a vibrant institution, and with your help we can continue to grow and prosper.

Dilley Receives McCarty Promotion

Randy Dilley of Forest has been promoted to National Sales Supervisor for McCarty Farms, company officials recently announced.

Dilley previously served as National Sales Representative.

He is a graduate of Forest High School, East Central Community College and Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees.

He is the son of Mrs. Juanita Dilley of Forest and the late James Dilley.

Randy is married to the former Pat Murphy of Newton and they have three children: Daniel, 10; Jim, 7; and Jess, 4. Pat serves as vocational counselor for Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Her district includes Newton, Scott, and Smith counties.

The Dilleys attend Forest United Methodist Church.

McCarty Farms is a vertically integrated broiler production and processing company employing over 2,700 people in Magee, Forest and Jackson. The company processes 1.7 million dressed broilers a week at its Jackson and Forest locations. Sales for 1989 exceeded $221 million.

RANDY DILLEY

Recent Alumni Happenings

Edsel Cliburn, District Biologist with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Parks, spoke recently to the Newton County Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Lawrence White has assumed duties as Baptist Student Union Director at Clarke College in Newton.

Johnny Boggan was one of the speakers for the World Missions Conference of the Winston County Baptist Association.

Dana Killen of Philadelphia was selected as a member of the 1990-1991 Delta State University cheer-

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Mother-Daughter Combination: Successful in Sports and Careers

Like mother; like daughter.

Such is the case for East Central alumnae Barbara Jo Russell and daughter Lynn Russell Hayes who have the unique distinction of being the only mother-daughter combination to receive first team All-State honors in basketball.

Then Barbara Jo Davidson, a Union native, played forward for the Warriorettes during the 1952-53 and 1953-54 seasons and twice was named to All-State squads.

During her freshman year, Barbara Jo served as team co-captain and led the East Central women to the preliminary round of the state tournament finals. She was named captain her sophomore season and led the Warriorettes to a second place finish in the state finals.

Barbara Jo quickly credits her success to teamwork and to coaches Frenchie Eilau and Clayton Blount.

"Coach Blount encouraged each of us to play fair and give our best as a team. Without teamwork, we would have not made the state finals that year. I will always appreciate Coach Eilau and Coach Blount for being such an inspiration to all of us," she said.

Before coming to East Central, Barbara Jo was a four-year letter winner at Union High School. Her talents on the court were detected early, as she also played on the varsity squad as an eighth grader.

Although she does not remember exact statistics, Barbara Jo said her scoring average in high school and junior college was in "double figures."

She said receiving a scholarship to attend East Central was a "great

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MOTHER-DAUGHTER COMBINATION:
Lynn R[illegible] Hayes and her mother, Barbara Jo Russell, both basketball All-[illegible] East Central Community College

More Happenings

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leaders.

Mrs. Velma Lou White w[illegible] teaches at Newton C[illegible] School was [illegible] Among [illegible]

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[illegible] employee of the [illegible] for Laird Hospital in Union was Linda Trapp.

John Allen Roby is playing first clarinet in the Scott County Community Band.

M.P. Captain Jeff Harris of Decatur, who is now in Saudia Arabia, was interviewed in the November 12 issue of *Newsweek Magazine*.

Pat Moiton of Philadelphia has been named to the Philadelphia Utilities Board.

Jake Ammon of Meridian High School was recently elected Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year by the MAC.

Stacie Therrell is teaching sixth grade at Pearl River Elementary School.

Ginger Gordon, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Gordon, was chosen Fore[illegible] [illegible] were published [illegible] State University [illegible] November.

[illegible] Scott Griffin, Lau[illegible] County Forester, appears [illegible] in the *Meridian Star*.

Sharon Gilliland has joined the staff of Harry Mayer Inc. of Meridian as fashion consultant.

Robert Clint Faulkner was recently selected "Soldier of the Year" by the 3rd Signal Brigade at Fort Hood Army Base in Texas.

Larry Gressett is the new high school counselor at Newton High School.

Joel Nelson and Dan Harrison served as Division Chairmen for the United Givers Fund.

Penny Overstreet was recently named instructor at the Vocational Rehabilitation Offices at Allied Enterprises in Philadelphia.

Billy Paul Davidson was "Teacher of the Month" for December at Sebastopol High School.

Christina Wood danced several roles in the "Nutcracker" which was performed by the East Central Mississippi Classical Ballet Company.

Canoy Weaver is the new librarian at the J. Elliot McMullan Public Library in Newton.

Joan Alawine appeared in the Newton County Little Theater win[illegible]ter production staged at Clarke College.

Carol Angelia Nowell Weems is now the Artistic Director for the East Central Mississippi Classical Ballet Company.

The homes of Dr. and Mrs. John Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harrison were included on the December tour of homes in Newton.

Marcus Gordon recently took office as Circuit Judge for his third full term on the bench in Newton, Neshoba, Scott and Leake counties.

Nell Burns Wall was one of eleven persons honored as Jackson's Outstanding Volunteers for 1990.

Jim Payne, president of the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, recently had the honor of presenting to his brother, Larry Payne, an etched crystal trophy for contributing $100,000 to the USM Foundation.

Mrs. Alton Garrett (Lilla Lee Manning of the class of 1936) passed away recently.

Mrs. Henry E. Chatham (Elgie Wilkes) recently corresponded with Dr. Eddie M. Smith about her college days at East Central in 1936.

Coach Sue Gunter and her LSU women captured the 1991 Southeastern Conference tournament title by defeating Tennessee. Sue is a native of Walnut Grove.

WEDDINGS

Alisia Deanne Annis to Arthur Horace McMillan

Cindy Bane and Billy Don Baker

Tina Shamane Clinton to Sim Mark Dean

Carol Wynette Cooksey to Kenneth Lamar Bradley

Denise Cumberland to Robert Scoggin

Patricia Reece Duncan to Robert Whitley

Belinda Michelle Evans to Jeff Breland

Julie Goodwin to Andy Rowzee

Emily Gay Grant to Michael Steven Crotwell

Samantha K. Gressett to Garly L. Fortenberry

Pamala Juanita Hall to Illya Kuryakin Wells

Lori Ann Harrell to Ben Jones

Peggy Harrell to Carl Craig

Leslie Hollingsworth to Mark Crosby

Dayna Hopton to Lawrence L. White

Jennifer Jacquelynn Johnston to Byron Craig Alexander

Roxanna Manning to Mark Passmore

Evelyn Annmarie Parker to David Keith Wansley

Terrie Rene Rasco to Dennis Ray Upchurch

Jennifer June Reynolds to William Lewis Ball

Mary Anita Rivers to Mitchell Gene Graham

Tracy Ann Walters to Jack Wayne McCraw, Jr.

Carla Elizabeth Wall to Bracy Barrett Graham

More Mother-Daughter

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honor" but a lot of work was also involved.

Barbara Jo said the scholarship she received included doing various campus chores, like sweeping, cleaning rooms, etc.

"Obviously a lot has changed over the years concerning scholarship requirements," she said.

Barbara Jo said she has "very fond" memories of her two years at East Central.

Along with playing basketball, she served as secretary of the first organized Athletic Club and was a member of FBLA, AIM, Point Committee and Wesley Foundation.

She was elected a favorite her freshman and sophomore years and participated in the 22nd and 23rd May Day programs. During the latter event she was nominated for Miss ECJC.

During her two years at East Central, Barbara Jo said the faculty was "very helpful" and "encouraged each of us to use every source available in acquiring our education."

"I shall always respect and love East Central for helping so many in getting an education. This institution has meant so much to this community and the surrounding counties," she said.

Barbara Jo has been in the accounting and tax service for the past 25 years. She has owned and operated Russell Accounting Service in Union for the past 12 years.

She is a member of Clarke Venable Baptist Church, Mississippi Association of Public Accountants, Union Chamber of Commerce, Decatur Progressive Club and Gideon International Auxiliary.

Barbara Jo is married to Clinton Russell who serves as Physical Plant Director at East Central. She said she has known Clinton "since the eighth grade" and they dated in high school and college. She said on their first date Clinton told her he was "going to marry me but naturally I really didn't believe it at the time."

Besides their daughter, Lynn, the Russells have another daughter, Barbara Shock, a graduate of Belleville, Illinois School of Nursing who now lives in Camdenton, Missouri, and a son, Randal C. Russell of Jackson who serves as Communication Engineer for South Central Bell.

Like her mother, Lynn also credits her teammates and coach for the success she achieved on the basketball court.

The former Decatur High School standout was a member of the 1973-74 and 1974-75 East Central squads. A guard or "rover," Lynn was named to the All-State team as a freshman and was selected permanent team captain her sophomore season.

Serving as Warriorette coach during her two college seasons was Lucille Wood, current instructor of health, physical education and recreation.

"I especially enjoyed playing basketball under Coach Wood. She instilled in each of us the importance of playing and working as a team; not only in athletics but also in our academics as well. She encouraged each of us to become a well-rounded person by participating in all activities that were offered at East Central. She expected our best at all times and would not accept anything less," Lynn said.

Lynn, like all her teammates, played college basketball without benefit of a scholarship.

"I just enjoyed playing basketball in high school under Coach (Ray) Riley and wanted to continue playing for Coach Wood," she said.

During her junior and senior seasons in high school, the Decatur girls' team won at least 30 games each year and advanced to the South State playoffs.

In junior college, the Warriorettes posted winning campaigns but did not capture any titles.

Lynn's involvement in junior college activities went beyond basketball competition as she was also a member of the tennis team and French Club.

Her honors are also numerous.

She was chosen Miss ECJC, student body association president, freshman favorite, homecoming maid her freshman and sophomore years and was inducted into the college's Hall of Fame. She also participated in the 40th and last May Day, representing the freshman class.

Lynn was a recipient of the Earline Wood Memorial Award and Citizenship Award.

In her "spare" time, Lynn earned extra money working as a cashier in the college cafeteria.

"Not only did I earn extra cash, but I was also able to meet and get to know 90 percent of the students at ECJC those two years. Mr. (Leonard) Lee, the cafeteria manager, was very good to employ college students and give them an opportunity to earn a little extra money for school. He taught us to be responsible and dependable," she said.

Lynn said it would take "a book" to list all the East Central teachers who contributed to her education.

"All my teachers were more than willing to bend over backwards to help any of us who needed assistance with our studies. I immensely enjoyed the English literature class I took under Mr. (Ovid) Vickers, Mrs. (Sara) Heard's biology class, Mr. (George) Mason's botany class and of course, my first psychology course under Mrs. (Alice) Pouncey. Mrs. Pouncey's class certainly had an influence on my deciding later to get a degree in counseling and guidance at MSU. There are several teachers I did not mention by name; however, I can assure you that each and every one of them meant a lot to me in the years that I attended ECJC," Lynn said.

She continued her education at Mississippi State University where she received a bachelor's degree in microbiology. At MSU, she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and served the organization as president during the 1976-77 school term.

Lynn later received a master's degree in counseling and guidance with emphasis in vocational rehabilitation.

For almost 12 years, she has served as a vocational rehabilitation consultant with Crawford and Company Health and Rehabilitation Services in Meridian.

Her duties include working with individuals who have been injured on the job and are no longer able to return to their previous jobs due to their medical status. She assists her clients with medical management services, vocational counseling, job development and job placement. She also serves as a vocational expert for the U.S. Social Security Administration and is a certified counselor of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Lynn's expertise in her chosen vocation has not gone unnoticed as she was selected Vocational Specialist of the Year in 1987 and was the recipient of her company's Employee Excellence Award for 1986-87.

She is a member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, Decatur Women's Progressive Club, National Association of Professionals in the Private Sector and the Mississippi chapter of NARPPS.

Lynn is married to George Thomas Hayes who serves as Newton County Justice Court Judge for District 1. The couple owns Hayes Christmas tree Farm in Decatur.

Lynn and George have two children: Hunter, age 3, and Joy, who is almost 2 years old.

First Female SBA President Finds Success Coaching, Teaching

When she was elected the first female President of East Central's Student Body Association, Lucy Young's potential as a leader was already evident. In the years since her graduation from East Central in 1971, that potential has developed into a prominent force in women's physical education and coaching in Mississippi.

Now a teacher of physical education, adaptive physical education and first aid at Warren County High School in Vicksburg, Young still has fond memories of her two years at East Central. "The faculty and staff were so concerned and involved in what the students were doing, and since I had never been away from home, I needed that encouragement," she said.

"Lucille Wood was especially helpful to me. I didn't really know what I wanted to do with my life, but when I learned that there was a segment of education devoted to the physical development of students, and when I saw the contribution that Miss Wood was making in the area of women's physical education, I knew that was what I wanted to do. I suppose you could say that Miss Wood has been my mentor."

Young has been influential in developing competitive soccer in the high school circuits. In 1984, she was the Mississippi Association of

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LUCY YOUNG

EC Alumnus Helps Lead Successful Poultry Enterprise

Times were hard for everyone in East Central Mississippi in the late 1940s; but for those students who were attending East Central Junior College, it was a case of "the worst of times being the best of times." Such are the memories of Wyatt J. Davis, Jr., a 1950 alumnus of East Central who is now Secretary/Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for Sanderson Farms in Laurel.

"Very few people on campus had cars. Students didn't have much money in their pockets, and the college rules for dating and social activities were extremely strict. But we had a great time," Davis remembers.

Coming to East Central from Louisville, Davis played on the East Central football team in 1950 that went 9-3 and played in the Tobacco Bowl in Valdosta, Georgia.

When the Korean Conflict erupted in 1950, Davis and his roommate James "Gabby" Jones had just completed the National Guard obligations. However, when the Louisville unit was activated, the two volunteered to go and when the unit was deactivated at the end of the Conflict, Davis entered Mississippi State University where he received a B.S. Degree in Accounting.

Now residing in Laurel where Sanderson Farms headquarters are located, Davis is married to the former Dorothy Barnes of Greenville. In his rare spare time he enjoys a little fishing and "very little golf," in addition to walking and watching football games. The Davises are members of Highland Baptist Church in Laurel, and he is a member of a number of professional associations, including the Mississippi Poultry Association, the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association, and the National Broiler Council.

> *"The Lord has blessed me with good health, a fine wife and family, a fine community and friends, and an excellent company to be associated with. I count my blessings every day."*

As Sanderson Farms' Chief Financial Officer, Davis has primary responsibilities for accounting, finance, data processing, and personnel services. He serves as a corporate officer, a corporate director and as a member of the company's executive committee.

"The Lord has blessed me with good health, a fine wife and family, a fine community and friends, and an excellent company to be associated with. I count my blessings every day."

Sanderson Farms, Inc. is engaged in the production, processing, marketing and distribution of fresh and frozen chicken and other prepared food items. The Company sells its chicken products primarily under the "Miss Goldy" brand name to retailers, distributors and fast food operators in the southeastern, southwestern and western United States. Through its food division, the Company also sells, under the Sanderson Farms name, over 300 processed and prepared frozen entrees and other specialty food products to distributors, food service establishments and retailers.

WYATT DAVIS

The common shares of Sanderson Farms, Inc. are traded in the NASDAQ National Market System under the symbol SAFM.

More First Female

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Coaches Soccer Coach of the Year and coached the West Division's All-Star Team.

In 1985, she was the National High School Athletic Coaches Coach of the Year for Region Five which encompasses seven states. In 1989 she again coached the All-Star team and currently sports a 147-16-10 soccer record. These figures include five Central Mississippi Championships, two North State Championships, and two State Runner-Up Titles.

In reflecting on her coaching career to date, Young stated, "I have been fortunate to experience success as a coach, but I have not lost my love for teaching my physical education classes; that will always be my first love."

While a student at East Central, Young was a Freshman Favorite, received the Best Character Role Award for her role in THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER, received the Citizenship Award, and was selected Miss East Central in 1971.

"Serving as President of the Student Body is something I will never forget. Not only was I the first female president, but I had an all-female staff; needless to say that was a shock to some of the staff. Better still, we were actually successful in helping bring about some positive changes.

"In my career, I have been forced into a number of situations in which I had to speak before large groups, and I never stand up before a group that I don't think about Mr. Vickers and Mr. Peterson and what they taught me about public speaking."

Young is a member of the Mississippi Association of Coaches and is Chairperson of the Softball Affairs Committee. She is also a member and President of the Vicksburg Women's Soccer League and Director of the YMCA Summer Youth Soccer Camp Program.

CAMPUS VISITOR

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Olenski of Vestal, New York recently visited the East Central campus and had an opportunity to meet with various college officials. Olenski was a tackle on the 1938-39 Warrior football team and later starred at the University of Alabama and for the NFL Baltimore Colts and Detroit Lions. As an official in the Eastern Athletic Association, he has stayed active in football for more than 50 years. All five of the Olenski sons were also college athletes.

Dr. Gordon Walker Selected 'State's Superintendent of the Year'

Dr. Gordon Walker, superintendent of the Hattiesburg Public School District, has been named the 1991 Mississippi Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Walker of Carthage.

Walker, 43, was selected as a candidate for the fourth annual AASA National Superintendent of the Year program by the Mississippi Association of School Administrators. The Superintendent of the Year program recognizes distinguished leadership in the nation's public schools.

Candidates are selected on the basis of their demonstration of strength in the areas of leadership for learning, personal and organizational communication skills, professionalism, and community involvement.

"Dr. Walker is an exemplary representative of school superintendents and is most deserving of this distinction," Johnny DuPree, president of the Hattiesburg school district Board of Trustees, said. "His commitment and vision for the students and schools in Hattiesburg have resulted in extensive improvements in our district in all areas...curriculum, programming, services, technology, and facilities. He is a man of great vision for public education. We are very fortunate to have him as the educational leader for our school district."

As Mississippi's Superintendent of the Year, Walker was honored during the first general session of the AASA national convention held in New Orleans on March 1, 1991.

Dr. Walker has served Mississippi's schools as a school administrator since 1971. He has been superintendent of Hattiesburg schools for six years.

He is currently president of the Mississippi Council of Public Schools and state treasurer for Mississippi PTA. Dr. Walker serves on the boards of directors for the Southeast Mississippi/Forrest County Development Foundation, the Hattiesburg Education Foundation, and Mississippi PTA. He has served as a member of the state superintendent's advisory committee and was a member of the Governor's Constitution Study Commission in 1985 and the Governor's Education Reform Task Force from 1980-82.

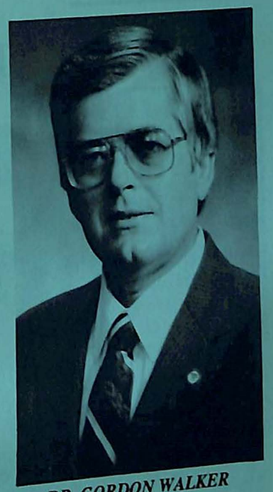
Walker describes his education philosophy as follows:

"My philosophy of education is very simple in nature. I believe that all children can and will learn, given appropriate instruction. It is my belief that every child should and must be given the opportunity to develop to the utmost each of his God-given capabilities.

"The central purpose of education and educators is, therefore, to guide the child in developing his intellectual, physical, social, and moral powers so as to become a functioning member of our democratic society. I view education as a continuing and life-long process which must be encouraged and enhanced by competent and dedicated teachers and administrators.

"The role of the school administrator in the achievement of the central purpose of education is that of establishing an atmosphere which is conducive to the teaching-learning process in the school or school system in which he serves. The school administrator must be skilled in human relations and democratic processes in order to lead his staff and community in the development, implementation, and continued improvement of a balanced program of learning designed to optimize each student's educational success."

A native of Laurel, Walker is a graduate of Carthage High School, East Central Junior College and Mississippi College, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in Education. He later earned a Doctor of Education degree in School Administration and Supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi.

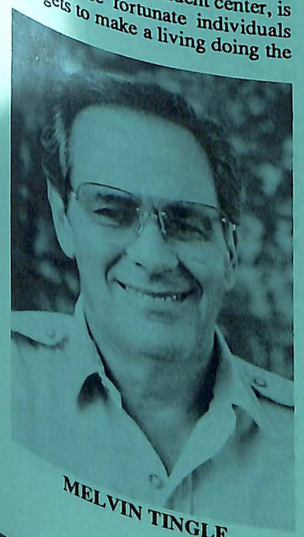


DR. GORDON WALKER

He is married to the former Senita Ann Arthur of Union and they have two sons: Jimmy, 16; and Kelly, 12. Mrs. Walker, a teacher, is also an East Central graduate. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College, a Master of Education degree from Mississippi State University and a Specialist degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

East Central Alumnus Hosts 'Mississippi Outdoors'

Melvin Tingle, a 1960 graduate of East Central and former manager of the East Central student center, is one of those fortunate individuals who gets to make a living doing the thing he loves most.



MELVIN TINGLE

An avid outdoorsman since childhood and an ardent gun enthusiast, Tingle has worked for the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for twenty-three years. When the Department initiated its public television series "Mississippi Outdoors" in the fall of 1990, the Philadelphia native was the obvious choice to host the show.

Graduating from Philadelphia High School in 1956, Tingle entered East Central that fall, and after staying out of school for a year returned in the fall of 1959 to finish his A.A. Program. In 1962, Tingle was employed by the college to take over the Student Center and in the four-plus years that he operated the student center, he became a favorite among both students and faculty.

"Melvin did a great job in the student center," one East Central veteran instructor observed. "He had order in there and made the best hamburgers in the area. When he decided to leave, everybody was upset because they knew it would be difficult to replace him."

The Mississippi Outdoors program is nearing its first year of production with the half-hour segments being aired on Thursday evenings and a repeat broadcast on Friday mornings and Saturday afternoons.

Topics of discussion on the show are as varied as the hunters and outdoorsmen who look forward to its broadcast each week. One recent segment featured a call-in format to answer questions about turkey hunting prior to the opening of the season. Another segment dealt with the problem of beaver control in the state, and another dealt with the duck flyway on Ross Barnett Reservoir.

The call-in format will be a regular feature of the show, presented at six-week intervals and dealing with topics of current interest. Other segments will feature special guests with expertise in a specific subject and field visits to places of interest around the state.

Tingle is not only involved in hosting the show but also assists in editing the film and doing voice-overs. "It was a lot of trial and plenty of error," he commented about his first serious venture into videotaping. Tingle had previously been involved in a five-minute public service program concerning wildlife which appeared several years ago. The new program, which has received very positive feedback from both the public and the public television officials, is being underwritten by International Paper Company and Mississippi Power Company.

Tingle is married to the former Betty Sue Sims, also an East Central graduate who is County Executive Director of the Newton County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Decatur. The couple has three children, Karen Collins, a registered surgical nurse in Little Rock, Ark.; Emily Tingle, a dental assistant in Meridian; and Mingo Tingle, an eighth grade student at Newton County Academy.

Burt Named To Coaches Hall of Fame

TOM BURT

(EDITOR'S NOTE. The following article, by Tom Hill, is reprinted from the Jan. 2 edition of the Rankin County News. Tom Burt is the son of Mrs. Winnie Burt of Philadelphia and the late Lem Burt. He is a 1947 graduate of Bond High School, a 1955 graduate of East Central Community College and a 1957 graduate of Mississippi College. He has been employed with Georgia Pacific Corp., Jackson Branch, Sales and Distribution, for the past 15 years.)

In his 35 years as a basketball official Tom Burt of Pearl worked over 2,000 games. While most basketball officials and coaches get along out as well as husbands and fathers-in-law, Burt was an exception.

Always firm yet fair when he officated, Burt earned the respect of players and coaches alike. In fact, Mississippi coaches think so much of Burt, that through their Mississippi Association of Coaches organization, they voted him into their Coaches Hall of Fame.

Each year the Mississippi Association of Coaches selects four coaches and one individual from a related field, according to Bernard Rockwell who is executive secretary of the association and chairman of its selection committee.

One of the requirements is a player or official must have a minimum of 30 years of service," Rockwell said. "Tom was first nominated last year and he was selected in his second year. It generally takes three or four years for someone to be nominated to actually get in. He got in his second year; that speaks highly of him. He's well-thought of by the coaches."

Blackwell said Burt will be installed in the Coaches Hall of Fame August 2 at the Bryan Coaches of the Year banquet at the Holiday Inn Downtown. The banquet kicks off the all-star football and basketball weekend. Burt said he was surprised by the honor.

"I was over at the state football playoffs at Mississippi College when I found out," he said. "I walked into the hospitality room and Coach Blackwell stood up and congratulated me. I never was so shocked in my life as when they told me about it."

A native of Neshoba County, Burt started officiating in 1952 while he was a student at East Central Junior College. Upon graduating from there he went to Mississippi College and earned a degree in education with a minor in physical education. In 1957 he moved to Mendenhall where he taught and coached for two years.

"I assisted Dewey Tullos in basketball and Wally Beach in football" he said. "Both men were outstanding teachers and coaches. Coach Beach is also a member of the Coaches Hall of Fame.

"We won the Little Dixie championship the two years I was there. We won because we had some outstanding athletes and because of the strong belief in discipline Coach Beach and I had. We stressed it back in those days."

Burt left Mendenhall after two years and went to Benton where he taught and coached one year, then left education and entered the private sector. In 1961, he married and moved to Pearl where he still lives.

Burt officiated primarily in the Jackson area but was asked to work in tournaments all over the state. He was chosen to officiate in 10 state tournaments, five all-star games and hundreds of playoff games.

"I give two men who were both good friends of mine credit for helping me develop my philosophy of officiating," he said. "Butch Lambert and Arthur Burns.

"Butch taught me you have to be in shape and hustle, and use good common sense. From Arthur, I learned how to be compassionate, patient as well as tactful. I was not always successful in those things, but I tried.

"I think the fact that I was a coach for a time helped me as an official. I tried to be a very strict disciplinarian when it came to conduct on the floor and from the bench. I believe the football field and gymnasium are merely extensions of the classroom. You have to have discipline and good work ethics in all those places."

When Burt began officiating there was no organization regulating officials. In the mid 1960's he helped found one.

"When I first started out, a coach would call up and tell me to get a buddy and come on over and officiate the game," he said. "That was the way it was done.

"In the mid 1960's, I helped organize the first basketball officials association in the Jackson area. The purpose of it was to better coordinate officials and coaches, as well as to improve officiating by holding clinics, meeting and training sessions. We also tried to encourage young officials to continue in that field. I've always been a strong advocate for a strong, state-wide association for all sports."

Burt has also worked hard for the children in Pearl. He was co-chairman of the group which spearheaded passage of the $7.5 million bond issue in 1987 which resulted in the construction of the new Pearl High School and installation of air conditioning, in the other school buildings.

"In my opinion, the new Pearl High School will do more for the community, the City of Pearl, and Rankin County than anything else we have done. The most important thing the community did was provide the children with the facility they need to get a proper education."

Burt has been a member of the Pearl Touchdown Club eight years, its president the last three years.

"It's called the Pearl Touchdown Club, but we don't support just football. We support academics first of all, but we support all athletic programs.

"While it's true most of the members are football parents, many of our active members don't even have kids in school now. My daughter, Cyndy, has graduated and she was in the band.

"All the programs in the school need our support, that's a known fact. We're not an advisory groups,

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McKay Selected Hospital Administrator

Danny H. McKay has been named Administrator of S.E. Lackey Memorial Hospital in Forest. He assumed his new duties on February 11, 1991.

McKay, 36, replaces former hospital administrator Mike Luley. Since being named to the hospital post, the Winston County native said he has been analyzing the health care needs of Forest and the surrounding area.

"My initial impression is that the community and the surrounding area are pretty well served as far as health care services. Many of the services which local people need are certainly available here," McKay said.

"The greatest problem, which is not an unusual problem for a small-town hospital to have, is that the people are not aware of our services. One of our main jobs for the near future is letting everyone know what we have to offer," he said.

McKay, who came to Lackey Memorial from a position as chief operating officer of the 137-bed, privately-owned King's Daughters Hospital in Greenville, said that he plans to move his family to Forest in the near future.

McKay worked in this position at King's Daughters from June of 1988 until he assumed his duties in Forest.

He and wife Adelyne, a high school teacher, have four children -- ages 20, 18, 10 and 5.

He is a graduate of Louisville High School, East Central Community College and Mississippi State University.

Other hospital-related work includes serving as business manager and then comptroller at Winston County Community Hospital from August of 1981 until June of 1988, with a stint as interim administrator in 1987.

McKay's goals for Lackey Memorial include more community education as to the availability and high quality of local services and the establishment and maintenance of positive rapport between the hospital, area physicians and the community.

"We hope to complement the practices of area physicians," he said.

According to McKay, the health care business must be "in your blood if you are to succeed."

"I believe that you must be truly dedicated to helping people and serving mankind. This business has a tendency to humble you because you don't have to walk far down the hall to find someone whose problems are much worse than yours. You have to know that your job is to help that person," he said.

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we're just supporting what the schools are trying to do."

Pearl athletic director and head football Coach Bruce Merchant said Burt has been a big help.

"Tom has been a real asset to us," Merchant said. "He has been president of the Pearl Touchdown Club three years and that is a vital part of our program.

"I'm happy for him that he has been named to the Coaches Hall of Fame. He put his time in, he certainly is deserving of it."

Rhodes Receives Prestigious Award

Forest High School WINGS teacher Beverly Rhodes, whose gifted students have won local, state, national and international honors since she became the first FHS gifted teacher in 1981, won an honor for herself recently which many feel is long overdue.

Rhodes recently won the prestigious "Award for Excellence in Gifted Education in Mississippi" presented at the 16th Annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Talented and Gifted (MATAG) held in Jackson.

"I am absolutely stunned that I won. I feel wonderful about it, but I am surprised because there are so many other people who are deserving," Rhodes said.

Dr. Garth Runion, dean of the School of Education at Mississippi College and a member of the MATAG task force, said that the award, formerly called the "Gifted Teacher of the Year" award, is given based on service to MATAG, a demonstrated commitment to gifted education, proven success based on student accomplishments and strength of the nominator's letter of application.

"The decision is made by the executive board of MATAG and relies heavily on the letter of recommendation. I can honestly say that everyone on the board was excited and enthusiastic about Mrs. Rhodes receiving the award. We think that she is very deserving," Runion said.

A graduate of East Central Community College and Millsaps College, Rhodes taught in Morton and at the E.T. Hawkins Middle School in Forest before moving to the high school. There are 36 students enrolled in WINGS this year, and she has taught several hundred gifted students since 1981.

"I have always known that Beverly Rhodes is a great gifted and talented teacher. She is very creative, highly motivated, and I have just always felt that she is one of the best. She and her students often bring recognition to Forest High School, and we are very happy for her," Forest superintendent Richard Hill said.

Among the recognition which Rhodes' students have claimed was first place in the International Future Problem Solving competition in 1988 which was held at the University of Michigan.

Last year, her Free Enterprise team claimed the state championship, and the WINGS class has sent at least one student to the Governor's School each year since the program began.

As the same luncheon where her award was announced, Rhodes learned that a group of her students won first place in the MATAG gift contest, a competition in which students designed a gift representative of their town for a legislator.

Peggy Gilmer, former president of Supporters and Advocates of Gifted Education and Adopt-A-School coordinator for Sara Lee, nominated Rhodes for the prestigious award.

"I have always found Beverly to be totally unselfish and dedicated to developing the gifts of the students in her program. I felt that she was more than worthy of being recognized for excellence in gifted education," Gilmer said.

Rhodes has served as treasurer of MATAG for three years, and also as state publicity chairman and third vice president. She was instrumental in founding the East Central Talented and Gifted Association (ECTAG) which is the largest group of its kind in the state.

Rhodes has served ECTAG as secretary, reporter and vice president.

"I have been fortunate to have so many good students. It may be trite, but I try to teach them that if nothing is ventured then nothing is gained. I want for them to try, even if they do not always succeed for the first time." Rhodes said.

Rhodes said that she often meets students when they are freshmen and teaches them each year until graduation. "I like to do some special thing for each student by the time he or she graduates, to help him or her find something especially tailored to his or her interests and gifts," she said.

"One of the best things about gifted education is that it allows students to be challenged by other people who are gifted. It is a misconception when people think gifted students will necessarily make it on their own. They need a nurturing environment for their special abilities, and that is what gifted education tries to give them," Rhodes said.

"I would especially like to express my appreciation to my husband Dusty who does so many things for me and for the gifted program. We could not accomplish what we accomplish without his support," she said.

Beverly Rhodes, WINGS teacher at Forest High School and the recent recipient of the Award for Excellence in Gifted Education in Mississippi. Rhodes is an alumna of East Central Community College.

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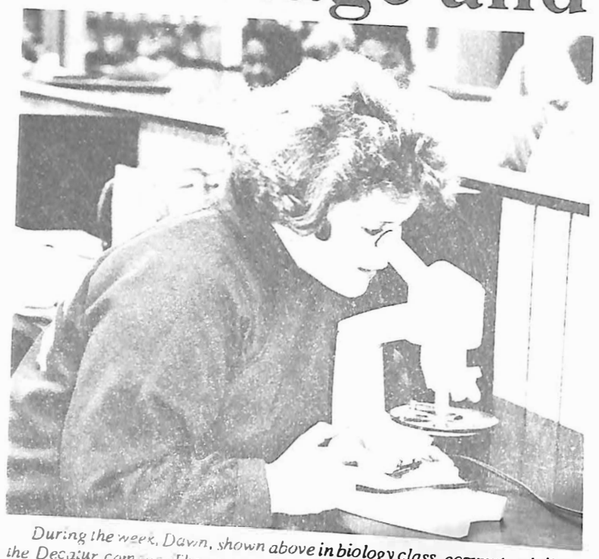
ECCC Adult Student Excels on Stage and in Classroom



During the week, Dawn, shown above in biology class, commutes daily to the Decatur campus. The pre-nursing major has maintained a 3.75 grade point average and will graduate in May. She plans to continue her education at University Medical Center in Jackson.

Just like an increasing number of non-traditional students enrolled at East Central Community College in Decatur, Dawn Bradford, a 25-year-old pre-nursing major from Forest, is discovering a college education is within reach of anyone who has the desire to succeed.

But unlike many adult students, she not only is successfully balancing her time between her studies and homelife responsibilities with husband Joe Bradford, she has also been able to participate in traditional student activities and mainly concentrate on her favorite hobby: singing.

Dawn is one of three female singers in The Collegians, a vocal-instrumental pop group led by East Central band director Tom Carson who is also a member and plays guitar.

Last November Dawn made her first campus concert appearance and despite being "a little nervous," she and her fellow singers and musicians were a tremendous hit, as evidenced by reactions from an overflowing crowd in Huff Auditorium.

"I've been singing since I was three years old and remember the first song I ever learned, which was 'Can't Take My Eyes Off You' by Frankie Valli. A lot of my entertaining at an early age was done at family gatherings," she said.

The New York native would later win various high school talent shows while a student at St. Raymond's Academy for Girls from where she graduated in June 1983.

When she first enrolled at East Central in the fall of 1989, she had planned to tryout for The Collegians but she missed the audition date.

"I was somewhat lost at the beginning of my freshman year and did not know about when the tryouts were to be held. But this past fall I made sure I knew about the tryouts and contacted Mr. Carson concerning the audition schedule," Dawn said.

Dawn said being a member of The Collegians has been a major highlight of her two years at East Central, and she credits Tom Carson in making the experience so enjoyable.

"Mr. Carson has really been great to work with and he is such an understanding person. I can't get over how laid back he is with all the responsibilities he has on campus. He is obviously a very talented person," she said.

Dawn said rehearsals are underway in preparation for the spring campus concert and other performances scheduled throughout the semester. As in the fall concert, she said the group will perform a wide variety of music, including rock 'n roll, heavy metal, country and easy listening.

With rehearsals scheduled on Wednesday nights, Dawn said she has plenty of time to study, as evidenced by the fact she has a 3.75 cumulative grade point average and has made the Dean's List each semester. She has also been inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honorary scholastic society for community and junior college students, and was named to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

She plans to graduate in May 1991 and continue her nursing education at University Medical Center in Jackson where she will enroll in June.

With February being designed as Community College Month throughout the state and nation, Dawn

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DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE PEOPLE?

Cast members of the musical "Singing Billy" are shown during the "riding him on the rail" scene as part of the 57 production. The folk musical was directed by Robert G. Fick. Can you identify the players?

(Holding the "rail" are, from left, Larry Adcock of Langdale, Alabama; Shelby Harris and Ray Sadler, both Union; and Bill Loyd of Lewisburg, Tennessee. "Riding high" is Johnny Biggs of Hickory.)

More Adult Student

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said she has definitely become a "cheerleader" for the state's community junior college system, and in particular East Central Community College.

"[illegible] college is the best [illegible] take. When I [illegible] I had no college [illegible] did not know a thing [illegible] how to plan my [illegible] administration, [illegible] instructors have re[illegible] and obviously care [illegible] students," she said.

Dawn [illegible] she had decided to go [illegible] the summer of 1989 after having spent a year working as a teacher aide in Scott Central High School. She had originally planned to major in elementary education but later switched to nursing.

Even though she is a few years older than most students, Dawn, who commutes daily to the Decatur campus, said she always felt like one of the traditional students and with her still youthful appearance instructors also consider her as one of the teenagers.

"I will always remember the first day in Mr. (Ovid) Vickers' (English) class when he asked students what they had made on the ACT (American College Test). When he asked me what I had made I told him I didn't have to take the ACT because it is not required for students over 23. He was just stunned and said, 'My gosh, girl, you look like a kid!' That really made me feel great and I have felt like one of the other students ever since," Dawn said.

Although Dawn is obviously not the average non-traditional student, what is even more remarkable is how she arrived in Mississippi approximately seven years ago.

Back then she was Dawn Verni, living in New York City and employed at Tri-State Industries, a funeral home supplier outlet.

She had been working at the company to save money to enroll in the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan.

One day while checking a customer list in April 1984, she had noticed that Bradford Funeral Home (then operated by Joe and his father, Joe Sr.) located in Forest, Mississippi had not ordered any supplies in quite some time. But what mainly got her attention was the name Joe Bradford.

"I just really liked the name Joe Bradford," she said, "so I gave him a call."

Dawn said they talked back and forth several times, each liking what was being said by the other and the way those words were being said: her Yankee dialect and his Southern drawl. She said they quickly struck up a personal relationship over the telephone. They later exchanged photos through the mail.

Then one night Joe called Dawn at her home and also talked to her mother. Joe surprised Mrs. Verni by telling her he was going to marry Dawn. Actually, Dawn said her mother did not really take Joe's remarks as being serious.

But Joe was very serious about Dawn and asked her to marry him. She said she agreed to go to Mississippi and marry Joe but knowing her parents would not approve, she said she would have to "sneak away" to the airport. She also asked Joe to send her an airline ticket, which he did.

So instead of going to work one day, Dawn left a note for her parents, went to the airport and flew to Memphis on July 12, 1984. Joe picked her up at the Memphis airport and on the way back to Forest--at Sardis Lake near Grenada - they became engaged.

"Joe had even brought an engagement ring to make it official," she said.

Of course when Dawn and Joe arrived in Forest, her parents constantly called the Bradford business and residence and pleaded with Dawn to return to New York.

But Dawn refused her parents' pleas, and she moved in with Joe's parents. Dawn said she enjoyed living at the Bradford house and said Joe's folks accepted her "like one of the family."

However, Dawn added the Bradfords probably thought she would be living at the house for about two weeks, instead of a few months!

But everyone in the family seemed to get along "really well" and on October 25, 1984, during a small ceremony, Joe and Dawn became husband and wife. Their wedding was not attended by Dawn's family and, in fact, Joe had still not met her parents; at least not until this past Christmas.

"We were a little nervous about visiting my parents over the holidays but everything went great. My family immediately fell in love with Joe and it was a very special Christmas," Dawn said.

Dawn said she and Joe, who's now 31, continue to have a "wonderful" relationship. No longer associated in the funeral home business, he operates a used car lot and sells monuments in Forest.

Along with meeting Joe through their "telephone romance," Dawn said going to college has also been a "very rewarding experience."

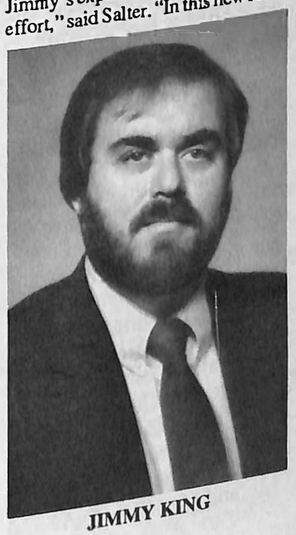
"I'm just glad I made that telephone call to Joe Bradford in Forest, Mississippi and I am also happy I discovered East Central Community College," Dawn said.

As a singer with The Collegians, East Central's vocal-instrumental pop group, Dawn is an enthusiastic as well as talented performer. She is pictured during the group's fall semester concert held in Huff Auditorium.

Jimmy King Joins Scott County Times Staff

Jimmy D. King is a recent addition to the *Scott County Times* staff, it was announced by publisher Sid Salter. King has been named as a sales and marketing representative.

"As we expand our operations April 1, 1991 with the debut of The **Scott County Shopper**, we are delighted to have a businessman with Jimmy's experience to join us in that effort," said Salter. "In this new role, we think Jimmy can be a real asset both to the newspaper and to the readers and customers we serve."



JIMMY KING

King, 42, a native of Sebastopol, brings to his new post more than 20 years experience in finance and retail sales in Scott County. From 1969 until 1978, he was manager of Gulf Finance Corporation in Forest.

In 1978, he joined Bank of Forest where he served as vice-president until 1989. In 1989, he became manager of Sorey Tire Company and served in that position for 18 months.

King and wife Iris are the parents of two sons, Kevin, 18, a senior at Lake High School, and Chris, 13, an eighth-grader at Lake Middle School.

He is a 1967 graduate of Sebastopol High School, a 1969 graduate of East Central Junior College. He is also a graduate of the Ole Miss School of Banking and the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University.

King and his family are active members of the Forest Baptist Church and he has logged prior service as an officer in the Forest Kiwanis Club, Forest Jaycees, Forest Chamber of Commerce and is a past chairman of the Mississippi Broiler Festival.

Report on the Status of the Following Funds:

	Total Collected Principle Thru 2/28/91	Total Collected Interest Thru 12/31/90	Total Expenditures	Balance As of 2/28/91
1. Huff Auditorium Refurbishing Project Fund Established October, 1987	$47,458.42	$3,077.34	$11,136.62	$39,399.14
2. Warrior Club Established December, 1988	7,550.00	—0—	7,550.00	—0—
3. General Patrick Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund Established October, 1987	17,275.00	1,610.00	1,200.00	17,685.00
4. Nellie N. Cross Memorial Scholarship Fund Established June, 1987	1,320.00	191.13	—0—	1,511.13
5. Carl and Doug Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund Established August, 1990	720.00	5.58	—0—	725.58
6. Robert G. Fick Memorial Scholarship Fund Established February, 1991	1,600.00	—0—	—0—	1,600.00

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- East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.
- A record 1372 students were enrolled during the 1990 fall semester.
- Evening class enrollment also reached an all-time high as 418 students registered for classes.
- Over 125 adult learners were enrolled in the college's Adult Basic Education program.
- Three new technical programs - Automated Manufacturing Technology, Precision Machining Technology and Metal Fabrication Technology - were offered beginning with the 1990 fall term.
- Several new courses have also been added for the 1991 spring semester and include nutrition, engineering mechanics (statics), New Testament survey, weight training and creative writing.
- The college continues to assist adult students by offering to those who qualify their first course free of charge.
- A new academic computing laboratory with 18 stations was put into operation during the 1990 fall term and was expanded to 24 stations for the 1991 spring semester.
- Approximately $338,000 in funds appropriated by the state legislature was used for several much-needed building renovation projects and for removal of certain existing barriers in order to make the campus and all the buildings more accessible to the handicapped.
- East Central was one of five colleges in the nation selected in 1990 by Phi Theta Kappa, a national honorary scholastic society for community and junior college students, to participate in a national pilot program designed to train students to become student leaders.
- English teacher Ovid Vickers was named the state's College English Teacher of the Year for 1989-90.
- Miss Lucille Wood, an instructor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and former women's basketball coach, was named recipient of the 1989-90 National Junior College Athletic Association Service Award for her many years of dedicated work in the field of community/junior college athletics. She is the first Mississippian to receive the prestigious award.
- During 1990, alumni and friends of the college contributed over $36,700 for memorial scholarships and various campus renovation and athletic projects.
- Vonda Fraley from Union, a 1990 graduate and Phi Theta Kappa member, was presented a National Award of Merit for Performing Arts for her original composition, "Dream Your Dreams," at the 1989-90 national PTK convention held in San Francisco.

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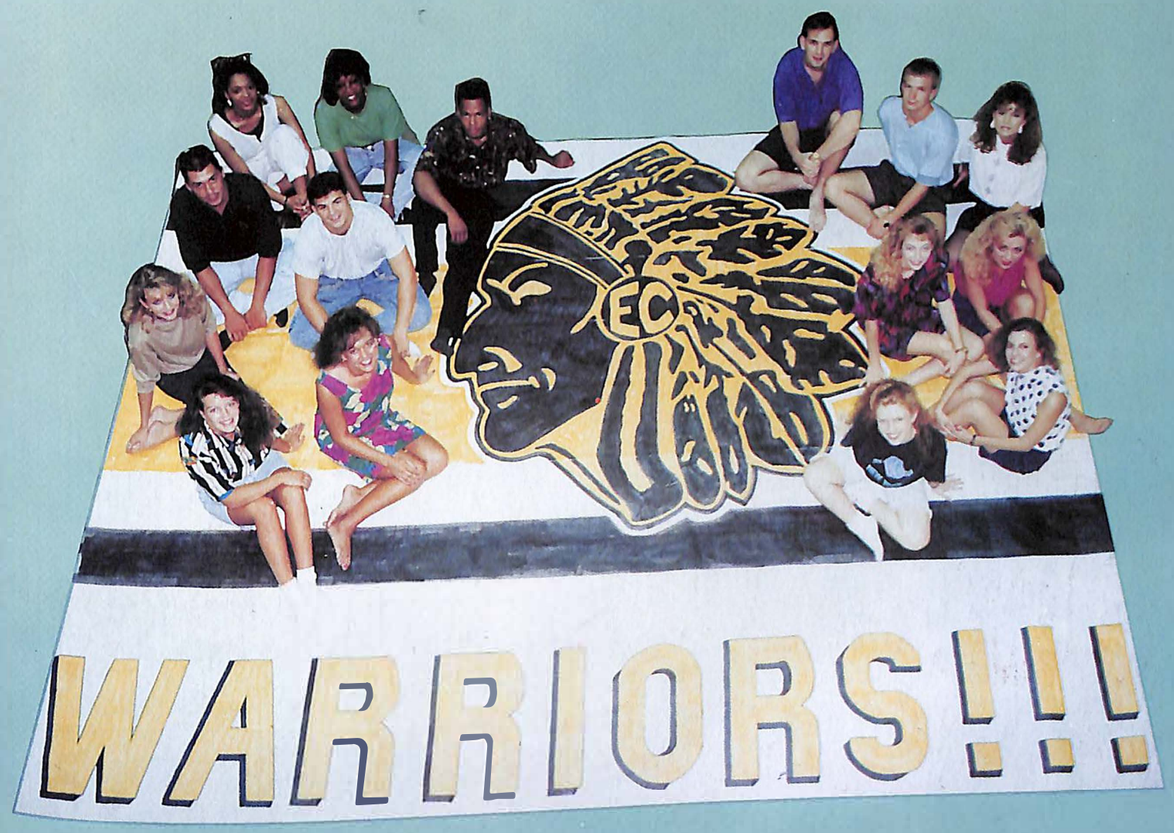

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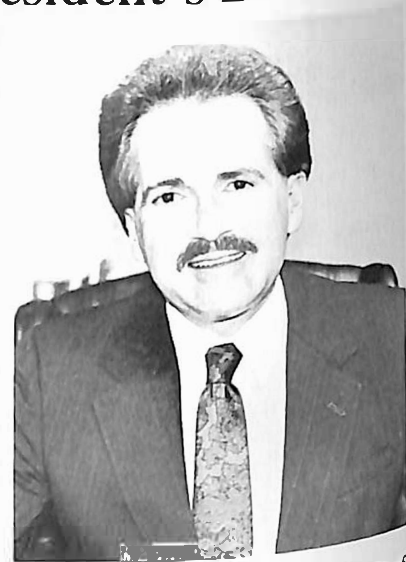
Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

From The President's Desk



It is my pleasure to present the fourth edition of *The Warrior*. The year 1991-92 promises to be an outstanding one for East Central. Enrollment at present stands at 1395, a figure which represents an increase in enrollment for the seventh straight year. Several new programs are in place, and those who recently joined the faculty are eminently qualified in their respective fields.

I am honored to present to the alumni and friends of the college a group of most deserving Homecoming honorees who have all represented the college in an exemplary manner as citizens of their communities and in their chosen occupations. These honorees are: Alumna of the Year - Mrs. Lois Cooper; Alumnus of the Year - Dr. Clyde Muse; Athletic Hall of Fame - Mr. Larry Henderson, Mrs. Diana Lyons Jones, and Mr. Wayne Tullos; Academic Instructor of the Year - Mr. Thomas Carson and Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year - Mr. Ricky Harrison. Specific information about these honorees will be given in a subsequent section of the publication.

Colleges, because they are ongoing institutions which operate on appropriated monies, are never without the need for additional funding. It is the alumni who do a great service to the college by being aware of the college's needs. The continuing contributions made by the alumni and their contacts with funding agencies are invaluable to the growth and pursuit of excellence at East Central.

Our most immediate needs include: an additional 17.5 million needed by the fifteen community and junior colleges to continue current levels of operation; an additional 14.3 million needed to bring salaries of the state community and junior college employees to the midpoint level between public schools and universities; and an additional 13.1 million needed for program enhancements to facilitate teaching and learning.

Mississippi's community and junior colleges have many other needs, but those mentioned are critical for the continued survival of two-year colleges as quality institutions of higher education in the state.

It should also be kept in mind that last year the total enrollment in the state's community and junior colleges was 66,150 students. Enrollment in public universities was 58,892. Over the past five years the state's community and junior colleges have experienced a 26 percent enrollment increase while the levels of funding have not kept pace with the percentage increase in enrollment.

Alumni can provide tremendous help to East Central by contacting state legislators and by voicing support for needed increases in state appropriations for community and junior colleges.

East Central Community College appreciates its alumni and the tremendous support that you have given in the past. Alumni support is needed now as never before. Please know that we appreciate all your efforts to help us ensure that East Central remains a strong viable institution.

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EC Names Outstanding Instructors, Alumni; Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Outstanding instructors, alumni of the year, and athletic hall of fame inductees have been selected at East Central Community College and will be honored during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 19, 1991 on the Decatur campus.

Honorees, chosen by the alumni association's executive committee from nominations submitted by alumni and college personnel, include Thomas W. Carson, East Central's band director who also teaches music, "Academic Instructor of the Year;" Ricky Harrison, an instructor in the drafting and design technology program, "Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year;" Newton County Schools teacher Lois (Blount) Cooper, "Alumna of the Year;" Hinds Community College president Dr. Clyde Muse of Raymond, "Alumnus of the Year;" and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Larry Henderson of Mobile, Alabama; Diana (Lyons) Jones of Bay Springs, and Wayne Tullos of Belle Glade, Florida.

Special recognition will be given each honoree during the annual alumni luncheon scheduled in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

TOM CARSON

For the past nine years Tom Carson has served as band director and a member of the college's academic teaching faculty. He also teaches music appreciation and is available for private music lessons.

Carson's accomplishments are numerous since beginning his ECCC teaching career in 1982.

He is responsible for re-organizing the Collegians into their present vocal-instrumental pop-rock format, forming the Jazz Band, implementing larger band scholarships and special scholarships for top band recruits, organizing blues performing groups including Conehatta Blues Connection and 'Round Midnite, and instituting an applied guitar program for music majors pursing this academic area.

Carson, who attended East Central from 1973-75, said he has many fond remembrances of his time spent as a student on the Decatur campus.

College personnel who were influential during his college days included Bruce Peterson, Bob Fick, Dr. Charles Wright and Gilbert Sommers.

Highlights of his college years were (1) being convinced into majoring in music (2) learning a lesson from Dr. Wright on the "magic" of a purchase order (3) sleeping in Mr. Ovid Vickers' English Literature class (during musical) and (4) sneaking into the Fine Arts Building for "rock" band practice.

"East Central provided a lot of positive direction for a long-haired skinny kid who just moved from Italy to Decatur and whose only goal was being a rock star and seeing how far his roommate and he could steer a car across campus while sitting on the car roof," Carson said.

While a student at East Central, Carson was a member of the band, choir, ECJC Players and the Collegians.

His honors include being inducted into the college's Hall of Fame and he was the recipient of the Best Supporting Actor Award, Best Actor Award and Players Award. He was named to *Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges* and was a member of the Mississippi Junior College All-State Band.

Following his graduation from East Central, Carson attended Delta State University where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in music education.

Carson and his wife, Brenda, who also attended East Central and serves as the college's financial aid director, have two children, Christopher, 10 and Jennifer, 7.

The Carsons reside in Decatur.

RICKY HARRISON

Ricky Harrison is beginning his ninth year as an instructor at the college's Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center (formerly called Vocational Technical Center).

He teaches computer-aided design and other drafting related (CAD) courses. His responsibilities also include student recruitment and job placement. He also conducts workshops for industry and participates in recruiting trips on a regular basis to district high schools.

Harrison said the placement rate of students into the job market is "very high" and added during the past nine years he has always had a "very dedicated" group in the drafting and design program.

Since he has been teaching at East Central, Harrison said the drafting and design curriculum has changed drastically.

"When we first began teaching, the program did not include the CAD system. The curriculum has obviously become more computer oriented and has definitely changed on a technological basis," he said.

Harrison said he "enjoys" teaching and credits his father (Charles Harrison) for his interest in the drafting and design field. His father has worked in the engineering area for over 25 years.

Harrison also attended East Central where he participated in football and baseball. He was also a member of the VICA Club.

He received several honors while an EC student, including the outstanding hitter award in baseball. He was also voted sophomore class president.

Following his graduation from East Central, he was employed for six years with Associated Consultants, an engineering firm in Meridian.

He began his East Central teaching career in 1983.

Along with his teaching duties, Harrison is pursuing a degree in industrial vocational education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

When he is not teaching or taking classes, Harrison serves as a volunteer in the summer baseball program.

Harrison and his wife, Janean, who is employed at Weems Mental Health, have two children, Crystal, 9, and C.J., 6. Janean also attended East Central.

The Harrisons are members of Beulah Baptist Church.

LOIS COOPER

Lois Cooper, who has served almost 20 years as an educator, currently serves as teacher of Computer Education at Newton County High School.

She began her career in education as business teacher at both Decatur High School and Newton County Academy. She later became Public Relations Coordinator and bookkeeper for the Newton County School System.

From 1987-91, Cooper was a teacher of the Gifted Program at Decatur High School. During this four-year period, she worked with gifted children in grades 7-12 involving them in the Talented and Gifted competitions. Her students received first place honors in the Balsa Division of the State Odyssey of the Mind Competition during each of those four years. Her teams competed in the World Finals in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in 1987; College Park, Maryland in 1988; Boulder, Colorado in 1989; and Akron, Ohio in 1990. In 1987, her students brought national recognition to Mississippi by finishing third in the World Finals.

She has served on a part-time basis as staff writer for The Newton Record (1970-91) and secretary for Decatur United Methodist Church (1970-78).

Cooper has also been active in local, civic affairs having been elected to the Decatur Board of Alderman in 1983 and appointed to the Newton County Jury Commission on two

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 19, 1991

8:30 A.M. Golf Tournament

9:00 A.M. Registration of Guests Begins - Sullivan Center

10:00 A.M. Reunion Groups Meet

1. 1982-83 Warrior Football Teams Meet - Room 60 - Newton Hall
2. 1982-83 Cheerleaders - Room 60 - Newton Hall
3. Cast of 1971 Musical "South Pacific", Home Economics Department
4. Cast of 1981 Musical "Little Merry Sunshine", Library Conference Room
5. All Classes Ending in "1"
   - Class of 1931 Diamond Anniversary, Fine Arts Lounge
   - Class of 1941 Golden Anniversary, Fine Arts Auditorium
   - Class of 1951 - Fine Arts - Music Library
   - Class of 1961 - Library - Faculty Room
   - Class of 1971 - Newton Hall - Room 105 (Second Floor)
   - Class of 1981 - Library Reading Area
   - Class of 1991 - Newton Hall Faculty Lounge

11:00 A.M. The Warrior Club - All Former Athletes and Current Supporters of Athletics at East Central - Room 60 - Newton Hall

11:30 A.M. Luncheon for Head Table Guests

12:00 Noon Alumni Luncheon

- Entertainment
- Invocation
- Welcome and Introductions
- Recognition of Homecoming Court
- Nominating Committee Report and Election of Alumni Officers
- Recognition of Reunion Groups
- Recognition of Special Alumni
  - Oldest Alumni Present, Alumni Traveling Fartherest, Largest Alumni Family Group Present
- Golf Tourney Winner
- Tennis Tourney Winners
- Presentation of the Instructors of the Year Awards
- Presentation of the Athletic Hall of Fame Awards
- Presentation of the Alumna of the Year Award
- Presentation of the Alumnus of the Year Award
- Adjourn

2:30 P.M. Football Game - Warrior Stadium - ECCC Warriors vs. Southwest Community College Bears - Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court and Distinguished Alumni

After Game Reception - Mabry Cafeteria - Alumni, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students and Friends are Invited

Monday-Friday, October 14-18, Homecoming Tennis Tournament

White Selected Dean of Students

DR. GERALD L. WHITE

Dr. Gerald L. White has been named East Central's new Dean of Students, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Dr. White, 47, assumed his new duties on July 1, 1991. He succeeds Dr. Phil Sutphin who was chosen Dean of Instruction replacing the retiring Dr. Brad Tucker.

A Winston County native, Dr. White previously served as Assistant Principal at East Rutherford High School in Forest City, North Carolina, a position he had held since 1987.

His previous experience also includes service as Dean of Men's Services/Assistant Professor of Psychology and Business at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, North Carolina; Dean of Students/Associate Professor of Psychology at Bluefield College in Bluefield, Virginia; Counselor at Meridian Public Schools; Director of Special Education for the Meridian Public School System; and Residence Hall Director at Mississippi State University.

White began his career in education by serving as a teacher and coach at Clinton High School in 1965.

A retired Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, he served in the Panama Canal Zone from 1966-69.

Since 1974 White has also traveled throughout the southeastern United States serving as a consultant and lecturer on time management and stress.

He is a graduate of Louisville High School, East Central Junior College, Delta State University, where he received a bachelor's of science degree in Physical Education/Social Science; and Mississippi State University, where he received a master's of education degree in Guidance Education/Educational Administration/Guidance Education and a doctoral degree in Education Administration/Guidance Education.

A widower, White has a son, Scott, 25, who is a computer programmer for Doran Corporation in Shelby, North Carolina.

George Mason Retires As Biology Instructor

At the end of the 1991 college year, Mr. George Mason retired after having served East Central Community College as instructor of biology for thirty years. Mr. Mason was known throughout his teaching career as a professional person who had the reputation for attempting to get from his students the maximum effort in order that they might realize their capabilities and importance as future citizens in a competitive society.

George Mason was a man who wore many hats, but the hat he most frequently wore was that of an educator who did everything in his power to make students realize that the mind is a gift from God and should not be wasted.

Mr. Mason was born in the southern part of Newton County. When he and his brothers and sister became of school age, his father bought a farm on the edge of the City of Newton so that the Mason children could attend the Newton schools.

After graduating from Newton High School, George joined the United States Navy and on completing boot camp was stationed for various periods of time in Hawaii, the Philippines, and the Marshall Islands of the South Pacific.

At the end of his enlistment, he returned to Mississippi and entered Mississippi College where he earned the BA Degree. After completing his degree and before he began work on a Master's Degree, he taught in the high school at Picayune and also began his own construction business which he operated for two years.

Mr. Mason completed a Master's Degree in Biology at Mississippi State University, and while working on the advanced degree he served as a graduate assistant in the Biology Department.

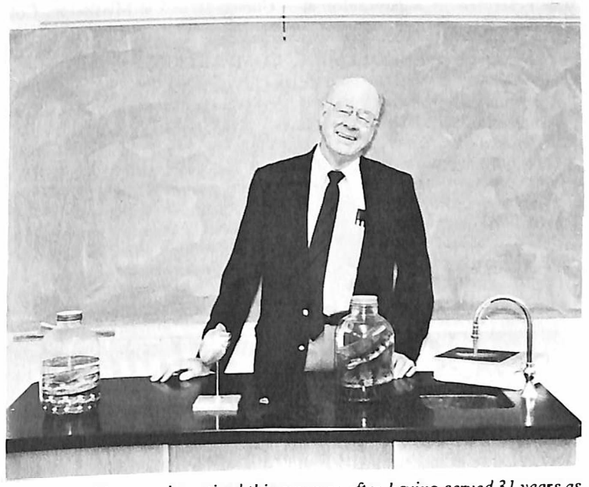
As a graduate fellow, he also taught classes for Mississippi State and worked for the Agricultural Experiment Station which is a part of the University.

On completion of the Master's Degree, he joined the faculty of Gulf Coast Junior College at Perkinston where he taught for two and one-half years. In 1960 he began teaching at East Central Community College and taught here for 31 years.

During his teaching career in high school and in the community college system, Mr. Mason taught mathematics, chemistry, physics, physical science, botany, zoology, hygiene, biology and micro-biology.

Mr. Mason's family includes his wife, the former Zelle Craven, and two daughters who graduated from East Central. His daughter, Georgia, now deceased, graduated in 1977, and daughter, Marcia, now Mrs. Randy Garner, graduated in 1986.

Several members of the present East Central faculty were students in Mr. Mason's classes. Ronald Davis, who is at present a biology instructor at East Central remembers Mr. Mason as "one of the best teachers I every had. He was demanding but if a student was making an effort to learn, Mr. Mason would go out of his way to help the student. I consider myself fortunate to have been a student of Mr. Mason's and also to have had the opportunity to teach with him at East Central."



George Mason, who retired this summer after having served 31 years as biology instructor on the East Central campus.

Most of those who studied with George Mason would agree that he wanted his students to be more than ordinary. He always made a concerted effort to instill in his students a sense of responsibility and a desire to be ladies and gentlemen.

On August 13, 1991, at their regular meeting, the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Mr. George Leon Mason who was a valued member of the faculty at East Central Community College for the past thirty years tendered his resignation effective May 17, 1991, and

WHEREAS Mr. George Leon Mason was a member of the mathematics and science division of East Central Community College and always worked with this division in a spirit of helpfulness and cooperation, and

WHEREAS Mr. George Leon Mason prepared himself for teaching by earning the BS degree from Mississippi College and the BS degree from Mississippi State University and continually kept abreast of changes and advancements in his field by completing further study at Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS Mr. George Leon Mason was a professional educator who worked in a cooperative manner with the faculty and administration and was a member of the East Central Community College Faculty Club where he served on many committees, and

WHEREAS Mr. George Leon Mason was a member of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association and worked with this Association for the betterment of

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Parkes Selected Counselor At Philadelphia Vo-Tech Center

Tammy Lee Parkes of Philadelphia has been selected counselor at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Community College in Decatur which operates the facility.

Mrs. Parkes, 25, began her new duties on August 1, 1991. Her employment was earlier approved by the college's Board of Trustees.

She previously served as counselor/instructor at Clarke College in Newton, a post she held since 1989. Her experience also includes one year's service as a counselor at Weems Community Mental Health Center in Meridian. Prior to joining the Weems' staff, Mrs. Parkes served as a graduate assistant/graduate counseling lab director at Delta State University in Cleveland.

The new Philadelphia vo-tech counselor is a graduate of Philadelphia High School and Delta State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in psychology/business administration and a master's degree in community counseling. She has also completed additional graduate course work at the Meridian branch of Mississippi State University and at Mississippi College.

While a student at Delta State, Mrs. Parkes was involved in numerous activities. She was a member of Phi Mu fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa honorary leadership society, and Chi Sigma Iota, an academic counseling honor society. She also served as secretary of the Student Government Association.

She is married to East Central alumnus Luke Parkes of Philadelphia where they are members of Beacon Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. Parkes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rushing of Philadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. Mooney Lee of Preston. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Odie Commer of Philadelphia.

TAMMY LEE PARKES

ENROLLMENT COMPARISON

	1991	1990
Academic full-time day	585	559
Technical full-time day	165	198
Vocational day	144	160
Total full-time	894	917
Academic part-time day	38	24
Technical part-time day	8	18
Evening	455	409
Total part-time	501	451
Grand Total	1395	1368

ECCC Enrollment Nears 1400 Mark

For the seventh straight year, an enrollment increase has been reported at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Total student enrollment, which includes day and evening students, has reached the 1395 mark and surpassed the previous record of 1372 students, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

McMullan said the 1395 figure includes 894 full-time students and 501 who attend on a part-time basis. Also included are 455 evening class students.

He said the record total also includes 585 academic full-time students, 165 technical full-time students, and 144 students who are enrolled in vocational programs.

The East Central Community College District is composed of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston Counties.

More Mason

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education of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS Mr. George Leon Mason sought to teach students assigned to his classes to the limits of the students' abilities, and

WHEREAS Mr. George Leon Mason always set a fine example for his students by his Christian principles, his patriotic ideals, and his exceptional moral character.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College expresses its appreciation to Mr. George Leon Mason and gratefully acknowledges his many contributions to the institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be given to Mr. George Leon Mason.

The resolution was adopted on the 13th day of August, 1991 and signed by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president and Mr. Henry B. Hudspeth, Board chairman.

Green Joins East Central Staff

Robert U. Green, Jr. has been selected an Automotive Mechanics instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. He began his new duties on August 1, 1991.

Green, 41, previously served 15 years in the same capacity at Hinds Community College. Additional work experience includes employment at Van Every Ford Company/John Harvey Ford Company in Jackson.

For over 15 years Green has been certified as a Master Auto Technician and more recently he has been certified as a Heavy Duty Truck Technician.

His expertise in the mechanics field is often in demand as he has served several years as Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) representative for Chrysler's Customer Satisfaction Arbitration Board. Since 1985 Green has also served as Technical Contest Manager for the Plymouth/AAA Trouble Shooting Contest for Mississippi high school students.

A Meridian native, Green is a graduate of Meridian High School, Meridian Junior College and Hinds Community College. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Green and his wife, the former Jean Cumberland of Philadelphia, have four children: Robert, III, 23; Stacy, 15; Kelli, 14; and Tatum, 11.

ROBERT U. GREEN, JR.

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Dr. Key Selected ECCC Biology Teacher

Dr. Thomas D. S. Key has been named new biology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. Dr. Key began his new duties on August 14, 1991.

He previously served as adjunct instructor of biology at Hinds Community College and at Wesley College in Florence.

He is a former professor of biology, administrative assistant and consultant at Antioch Bible College and Seminary in Marietta, Georgia and former division chairperson and assistant biology professor at Baptist University of America in Decatur, Georgia.

A Texas native, Dr. Key has a broad range of additional teaching experience which includes high schools and colleges in Georgia, Indiana, Texas and Mississippi.

Dr. Key is a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas where he received a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in education; University of California at Berkeley where he received a certificate for science (microbiology) teachers; and Ball State University, where he received a doctorate in biology. He also holds a doctorate degree in Bible from Antioch Seminary in Marietta, Georgia. He has completed post-doctoral work at Oglethorpe University, Clark College and Immanuel College.

DR. THOMAS D.S. KEY

Sandra Wedgeworth Named Related Studies Instructor

SANDRA L. WEDGEWORTH

Mrs. Sandra L. Wedgeworth of Union has been chosen related studies instructor at the Philadelph' Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. She began her new duties on August 1, 1991.

Mrs. Wedgeworth previously served as a teacher in the Basic Skills Assessment Program at East Kemper Elementary School.

Her experience also includes teaching responsibilities at Tucker Day School, Neshoba County Schools, Newton Public Schools and Decatur Attendance Center.

She is a graduate of Union High School, East Central Junior College and University of Southern Mississippi. She has completed additional studies at Mississippi State University, University of Colorado and Colorado School of Mines.

She is married to Len Wedgeworth and they have two children, Kim and Joe Onon.

Pace Chosen ECCC English Instructor

Mrs. Virginia Pace has been named English instructor/campus newspaper advisor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. She began her new duties on August 14, 1991.

Mrs. Pace previously served as English and speech instructor for Newton County Schools grades 8-12. She also taught English Composition I and II as a member of the East Central Community College Adjunct Faculty.

She has also taught English at Sebastopol High School and was an remedial reading/speech therapy instructor at Scott Central High School.

Mrs. Pace, the former Virginia Barrett of the Ringgold Community, is a graduate of Scott Central High School, East Central Junior College and Mississippi State University. At MSU, she received a bachelor's degree in English/speech and a master's degree in English.

MRS. VIRGINIA PACE

She is married to Sammy Pace, who teaches psychology and coaches the East Central women's basketball team. They have two daughters, Amy and Jennifer.

Reynolds Selected Child Care Attendant

Mrs. Joyce Reynolds of Chunky has been named child care attendant at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

She is a graduate of Canton Academy and East Central Community College, where she was selected "Technical Student of the Year," for the 1990-91 college term.

While a student at East Central, Mrs. Reynolds was a President's List Scholar and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and international honor society for community and junior college students.

She is married to Dwayne Reynolds and they have two children.

MRS. JOYCE REYNOLDS

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East Central Participating In Voter Registration Drive

The Phi Theta Kappa Society, the Mississippi-based international two-year college honor society, announced the participation of its Mississippi chapters in a statewide effort to increase voter registration, use of the absentee ballot, and turnout among 18-24 year olds.

Representatives of Theta Xi Chapter from East Central Community College in Decatur are among participants in the voter registration effort. Advisors Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes, along with several student members, attended a Kick-off Celebration and Organizational Meeting held August 15, 1991 at the Old State Capitol Building in Jackson.

"The sad fact is of the 23 democracies, the United States ranks 22nd in voter turnout," said Rod Risley, Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa. "Voter turnout has diminished in each presidential election but one since 1964, and in 1988, barely half of the eligible voters cast a vote."

Mississippi Phi Theta Kappa members were selected to spearhead the registration-and-vote effort as part of a program sponsored by the Vote America Foundation in Washington D.C. and Phillips Petroleum Company. If this statewide campaign is successful, Phi Theta Kappa members in all 50 states will coordinate a national campaign in conjunction with the 1992 presidential election. Plans are also underway to include Canadian two-year college honor students in a similar campaign.

"With Mississippi's two-year college students participating, this will be a truly grassroots effort. Two thousand Phi Theta Kappa members are enrolled in the state's community and junior colleges. While they are outstanding students at their respective colleges, they represent a broad cross-section of the population," said Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Community and Junior Colleges.

"The students at our 15 two-year colleges represent every age-range, every socio-economic background and are from every county in the state. The Vote America Foundation could never have found a more diverse and service-orientated constituency than that," said Ray.

"I am very pleased that Mississippi honor students will be leading the way to bring more people into the democratic process by promoting voter registration. Participation by older voters has been very disappointing in recent years, and I am hopeful that they and new voters can be brought a renewed sense of enthusiasm to participate in one of our society's most important rights--to vote," said Dick Molpus, Mississippi Secretary of State.

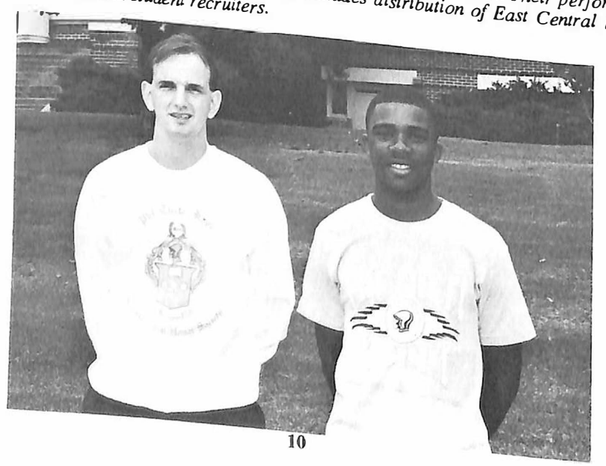
"The truth of the matter is that unless you are registered to vote you cannot do so. As a concerned Mississippian and as the state's chief elections officer, I hope this project will be a resounding success and a model for the rest of the nation," Molpus explained.

Efforts at each college will begin this summer. Students will conduct public awareness campaigns, sponsor "voter registration weeks," operate registration booths, and conduct door-to-door registration drives.

"It's exciting for our state's community college honor students to be a part of this great effort to improve citizen participation in the electoral process," said Risley. "Just as our students strive to learn the most possible, our goal is 100% registration and turnout."

CROWD PLEASERS

The Collegians, East Central's vocal-instrumental pop group, are shown during their performance on "ECCC Day" activities held Monday, July 29, 1991 at the Neshoba County Fair. The popular group directed by Thomas W. Carson, entertains each year in the Founders Square Pavilion. Their performance officially begins the college's special activities at the Fair, which includes distribution of East Central information and literature by school personnel and student recruiters.



PTK MODELS

East Central students Matt Strum (left) of Carthage and Lamar Blalock of Decatur are shown in sportswear they recently modeled for an upcoming Phi Theta Kappa national publication. PTK is an international honor society for community and junior college students. Strum is currently serving as president of the East Central's Theta Xi Chapter and Blalock is a recent inductee. Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serve as chapter advisors.

BILLY DEAN

He's Tall, Good Looking, Sings Great... And Attended East Central Community College

He has a number one song to his credit and another hit which reached the top five.

His name is Billy Dean, a country music singer who hails from Quincy, Florida and is an alumnus of East Central Community College.

Dean, 29, realized an entertainer's dream when his recording of "Somewhere in My Broken Heart" became a number one country music hit this past summer.

Another popular release, "Only Here For A Little While," climbed the nation's charts to the number three slot. A video based on the song also airs on cable television programs. The video shows Dean dancing and singing outdoors while leading a pack of happy people of different races in the style of Pied Piper. The long-haired girl handing him a fiddle at the start of the video is his wife, Cathy.

Remembered as a young man "with a lot of musical talent" by many East Central personnel, William Harold Dean actually attended ECCC on a basketball scholarship during the fall of 1981.

Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research, said he remembers Dean as being the college's talent show winner who also provided special entertainment during Senior Day activities.

"I remember he sang and played the guitar and was a tremendous hit with the students and college people as well," McMullan said.

Miss Lucille Wood, physical education instructor and former Lady Warrior basketball coach, said Dean only stayed at East Central for one semester.

"He apparently realized his talents were in the music field and not on the basketball court," Wood said.

Former men's basketball coach Joe Clark said Dean spent a lot of time "singing and playing his guitar in his room on weekends" since he was unable to travel home to Florida on a regular basis.

Those long weekends of singing and guitar playing on the Decatur campus obviously has paid off for the rising country music singer-song writer.

Dean, who credits his father, the late Billy Dean, Sr., as his major musical influence, began his career singing in his father's band, "The Country Rocks."

"I don't ever remember not knowing how to play music. My dad taught me guitar and always encouraged me to pattern my singing after great singers. I loved Dean Martin, Marty Robbins and Jim Reeves," Dean was quoted as saying.

After a brief try in Las Vegas, Dean went across the Georgia state line to enter a Wrangler jeans regional talent contest in Bainbridge. He won first prize, advanced to the state finals where he also took top honors, then went to the national finals in Nashville and finished in the

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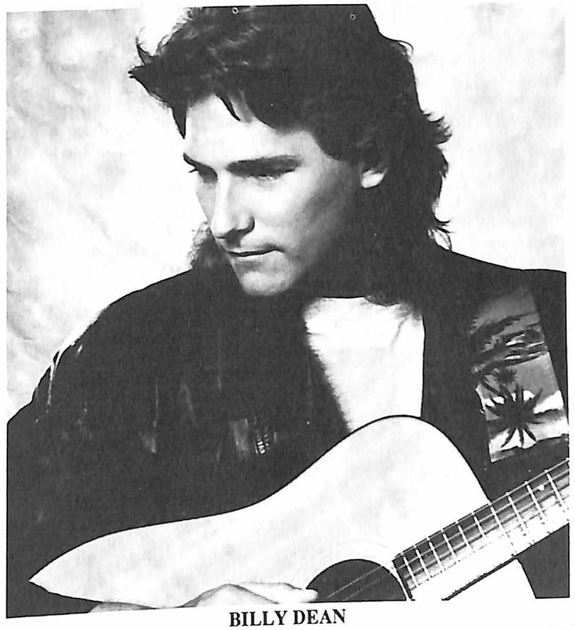

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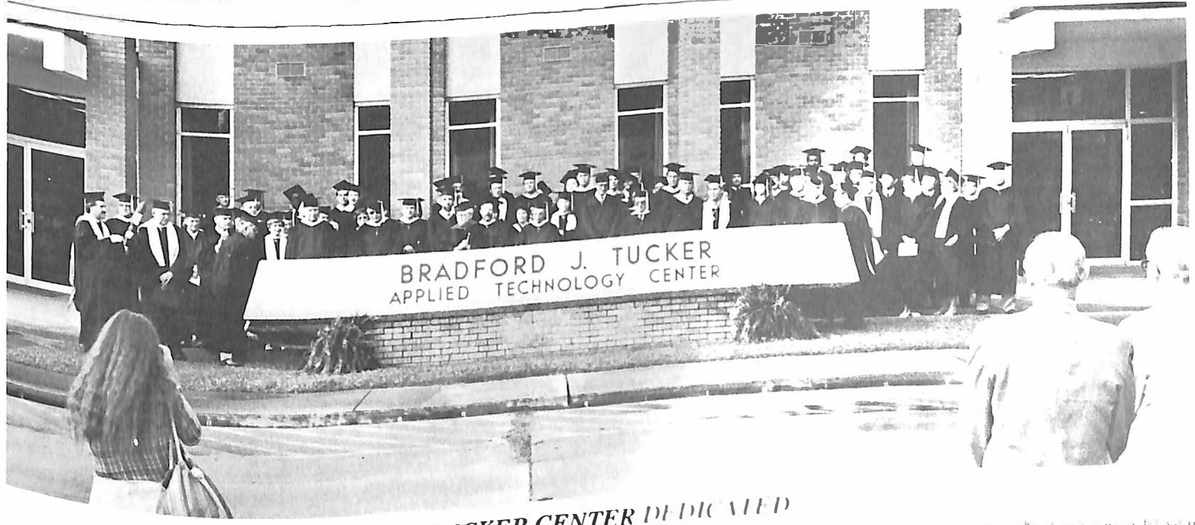

TUCKER CENTER DEDICATED

Ceremonies to officially dedicate the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center were held last spring and attended by college administrators, faculty, staff members, and many well-wishers from throughout the state. Dr.

The Golfing Nelson Family

They Didn't Invent the Game But Sure Know How To Play!

Just mention the "Nelson" family name around the Newton County area and automatically the first response is "great golfers."

Whether they compete together as team members or individually the Nelsons are always at or near the top of the leader board.

Family members - who are all East Central graduates - include parents James L. Nelson and Mrs. Mary Beth Nelson, sons Joel and Steve, and daughter, Mrs. Anne Marie (Nelson) Massingill.

Mr. Nelson, affectionately known as "Creeper," probably claims most of the credit for his family's success on the golf course, since he introduced the sport to Joel and Steve at early ages. Mrs. Nelson, the former Mary Beth Whatley, took up the sport at a later age as did Anne Marie.

But no matter who is responsible for each person's interest in the game or when each one first made that initial golf swing, it is obvious that just plain 'ole basic talent runs deep in the Nelson family.

Their list of tournament wins is long; and sometimes family members compete against each other for a championship trophy, as is often the case for Joel and Steve.

In fact, either Joel or Steve (who claims to be the family's best golfer!) has won the past six straight club championships at Newton County Club.

Joel, the reigning champ, took the title away from Steve who had won the honor three straight years prior to the 1991 competition. And Joel had twice captured the top prize before Steve began his three-year reign.

Other tournament wins registered by family members during 1991 (through Labor Day) include the Harry Lackey Labor Day Four-Ball Tournament held at Briarwood Country Club (Steve and Clay Chapman, also of Newton), Newton Country Club Four-Ball (Joel and Chris Clark of Decatur), Carthage Four-Ball Tournament (Steve and Jay Bowen of Decatur), Newton Country Club Three-Person Scramble (Steve, Anne Marie and Robert Munn of Newton), Louisville Country Club Two-Man Scramble (Steve and Joel), Laurel Country Club Three-Man Scramble (Creeper, Joel and Steve), Lakeview Country Club Two-Man Scramble (Joel and Clay Chapman), and Beaver Creek Country Club Two-Man Scramble (Joel and Chris Clark).

During 1990 tournament action, probably the most cherished family victory was Creeper and Steve's win at the State Father-Son Scramble held at Meridian's Briarwood Country Club.

Other tourney victories by family members include Northwood Country Club Four-Ball (Steve and Clay Chapman), Louisville Country Club Two-Man Scramble (Steve and Joel), Decatur Country Club Hog Tournament (Joel and Steve), Butler (Alabama) Country Club Three-Man Scramble (Joel, Dennis Linton and Stanley Bond), Newton County Club Two-Person Scramble (Joel and Mary Beth), Union County Club Three-Man Scramble (Creeper, Joel, Steve), Lakeview Country Club Two-Man Scramble (Joel and Steve), and East Central Community College

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Nelson family members include (from left) "Creeper", Mary Beth, Joel, Anne Marie and Steve. All have made many contributions to the game of golf and the community in which they live. Each one is also an East Central graduate.

More Dean

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top 10 of other state winners.

Because of his recognized talent as a "Wrangler jeans model," Dean finally moved to Nashville in 1982 to try his luck.

"I was in Nashville a year when my dad died of a heart attack. I had left from a visit home on a Friday night and driven back to Nashville. My dad, as usual, went and played the VFW on Saturday night. The following day, he died," Dean said.

If he were alive today, the elder Mr. Dean would obviously be very proud of his talented son.

His first album, *Young Man*, which was produced on the SBK Capitol Records label, features 10 selections, five of which Dean co-wrote with various artists. His song-writing credits include "Lowdown Lonely," "Young Man," "Somewhere In My Broken Heart," "Tear the Wall Down," and "She's Taken."

Key cuts from the album are "Lowdown Loney," "Young Man," and "Only Here For A Little While."

Other artists who have recorded Dean's songs include Randy Travis, Ronnie Milsap, Les Taylor, The Bama Band, Shelly West, and the Oak Ridge Boys.

Dean has also been in great demand as an opening act for such well-known artists as Mel Tillis, Gary Morris, Ronnie Milsap, and Steve Wariner.

He has appeared in a number of television and radio commercials and had a supporting role on the ABC-TV series, Elvis.

Dean is married to the former Cathy Massey who works at a Nashville radio station. His mother, Odene, still lives in Florida. He has two sisters - Robbie, a ranch hand in Oregon, and Debbie, a Florida real estate agent.

Dean's hobbies include a variety of water sports including water skiing, boating, and scuba diving. He also enjoys horseback riding and karate.

More Nelson Family

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Alumni Golf Tournament (Joel).

Although Nelson family members obviously spend a lot of time on the golf course, all are also involved in various careers.

When he is not on the golf course either playing or physically helping to maintain course conditions - "Creeper" serves as Superintendent of the Newton Municipal School District, a post he has held since 1986.

He has also held other positions at the Newton school including principal, assistant principal, coach and teacher.

For his many contributions as teacher and coach, the 57-year-old administrator has received several honors.

He was chosen Newton High School's STAR Teacher in 1970 and was also the recipient of the Outstanding Young Educator's Award.

Twice he was selected Baseball Coach of the Year in the Choctaw Conference and once received the same honor for his accomplishments on the football field.

He began employment with the Newton Public Schools in 1956 and has served every year, excluding time spent as a branch manager of a local financial institution from 1974-83.

He attended East Central Junior College during 1952-54 where he participated in football and baseball.

"Creeper" continued his education at Delta State University and received a bachelor's degree in physical education with minor emphasis in mathematics in 1956.

He later obtained a master's degree in school administration from the University of Southern Mississippi where he has also completed 27 hours beyond the master's degree.

He is active in community affairs, having served as president of the Newton Chamber of Commerce, Newton Lions Club and Newton Country Club. He is also a member of Legislative Council of the Mississippi High School Activities Association representing District V.

Mary Beth is also employed by Newton Public Schools and has served 18 years as high school secretary. She also is the bookkeeper for Newton Country Club.

She attended East Central during the 1957-59 college terms. She served as a majorette in the Warrior Band and was a member of the chorus and Sigma Tau Sigma. She was also a cast member in two college drama productions directed by Ovid Vickers and was a participant in intramural sports.

Mary Beth said she has fond memories of her years at East Central, and mentioned Mr. Tom Chisolm, Mr. Wade Johnson, Miss Lucille Wood, and Mr. Vickers as being influential instructors. She said Mr. Vickers had a "unique" way of making learning fun.

She also has very strong feelings about her family and involvement in community activities.

"I feel that we are very fortunate in having been given three healthy children that we have loved and enjoyed so much through the years. We have always involved ourselves in supporting them in their endeavors, whether academic or sports.

"We have worked with Little League, Cub Scouts, Band Booster Club, Athletic Booster Club (serving as officers when asked) and assisted in fund-raising activities to help support these organizations.

"Our family enjoys being together and especially playing golf together and against each other. We play a lot in scrambles and compete against each other which sometimes proves to be quite interesting," Mary Beth said.

Mary Beth has also participated in fund-raising activities for various charitable organizations and serves as Chairman of the Ladies' Golf Association of Newton Country Club.

Her hobbies, besi des playing golf, include crafts, cooking, shopping and enjoying her two grandchildren.

The Nelsons are members of First Baptist Church in Newton.

Joel, 30, is employed at Newton County Bank. He previously served as Newton branch manager for Unifirst Bank.

He attended East Central during the 1979-81 college terms where he was named All-State in golf his sophomore year. He was chosen East Central's most valuable golf team member both years.

While a student at EC, Joel was a President's Scholar, Dean's List Scholar, and served as freshman class president and sophomore class vice president.

He received an academic scholarship his freshman year and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Joel said the education he received at East Central "fully prepared" him for attending Mississippi State University.

"I would not hesitate to recommend to anyone thinking about going to college to enroll in a community college. I feel that community colleges - especially East Central - ease the transition from high school to a university," he said.

Joel added he will "never forget" Mr. (Ovid) Vickers' English Literature class.

"Every so often while he was lecturing, he would suddenly stop, sit on my desk, and ask me about my family. He taught my mother and knows my father well," Joel said.

Following his graduation from East Central, Joel attended MSU where he majored in banking and finance and insurance and was graduated cum laude.

Joel is also involved in various community activities and has serve as president of the Newton Lions Club and Newton Country Club. He has also served as co-chairman and Commercial Division Chairman of the Newton United Givers Fund and business division chairman of the Newton Heart Fund Drive. He also served as treasurer of the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

He is married to the former Vicki Humphreys of Newton and they have a son, Kurt Lindsley Nelson, who was born on February 20, 1986. Vicki, who is expecting their second child in late September, is employed as a computer lab assistant for Newton Public Schools. She is also an East Central graduate, having received a certificate in Intensive Business/Clerical program in 1983.

Joel's family is also a member of First Baptist Church.

Along with playing golf, Joel's other hobbies include watching sports, working in the yard, repairing golf clubs, working on the golf course, and spending time with his family.

Anne Marie, 29, is a housewife and lives in Meridian with her husband, Scott Massingill, who is employed with the Rush Medical Group. He recently completed his residency in pediatrics at University Medical Center.

She previously served six years as a nurse at University Medical Center but later resigned following the birth of their daughter, April, who was born in August, 1989. Anne Marie is expecting their second child in November, 1991.

Anne Marie attended East Central during the 1980-82 college terms where she was a band member and the only female member of the golf team.

Not only did she attend EC on a band scholarship, but she also received academic and ACT scholarships. She was on the President's List and Dean's List and graduated with honors.

"I really enjoyed my two years at East Central. I do not have any regrets for having attended a junior college; actually, I think it made the transition from high school to college much easier. I had some excellent instructors who prepared me for senior college," she said.

Following her graduation from East Central, Anne Marie completed requirements for a nursing degree at the University of Mississippi School of Nursing.

Along with playing golf, she also enjoys cross-stitching, reading, cooking and shopping.

The Massingills are members of First Baptist Church.

Steve, 24, is an assistant football coach at Lake High School and teaches sixth and seventh grade mathematics. He also coaches junior high boys' basketball.

Steve graduated with honors from East Central in 1986 and was named to the All Region 23 and All-State golf teams his freshman and sophomore years.

During his sophomore year, he served as vice president of the student body association.

"I really enjoyed my years at ECCC. I liked the way the teachers treated the students. They care about their students and that is something you don't get at a major university. East Central makes the adjustment from high school to college a lot easier," Steve said.

Steve later attended Mississippi State University where he received a bachelor's degree in math education.

He enjoys watching sporting events on television when not playing golf.

He is also a member of First Baptist Church.

Everyone would agree that the Nelson Family has made a tremendous contribution to East Central Community College, Newton County, the field of education, and certainly the game of golf.

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Brackeen Promoted To Major General

Denver Brackeen, who serves as Special Advisor on Military Affairs to Governor Ray Mabus, has been promoted to major general in the Mississippi Army National Guard.

The two star insignia was pinned on Brackeen, 60, by his wife, Charlotte, and Mabus in ceremonies held earlier this year at the Northwest St. Armory in Jackson before a crowd of about 400 people.

The promotion from one to two stars climaxes a 42-year military career that began in the gymnasium at East Central Junior College in 1949.

"I had just graduated from Hickory High School in the spring and was working that summer on the campus. The armory was located in the gym and Coach Arno Vincent, who was also the company commander of the unit, suggested one day to some of us players who were there that summer that several of us could join the guard and earn some extra spending money," recollects Brackeen.

"About five of us joined. Of course, now I know that was just another of Arno's recruiting tools; it was another way to make sure we were on campus that fall," but that was the start.

In making the two-star presentation to Brackeen, Mabus said, "He has been a model soldier and has been indispensable, especially during Mississippi's participation in Operation Dessert Storm."

Brackeen, the former All-American basketballer at East Central and Ole Miss, said the 16,000-man Guard is in good shape, "Our strength is still good. The 6,000-man mobilization was good. We have people that have trained up to higher standards and people with combat experience. We'll lose a few, but we'll keep a high percentage. They represented us real well."

Brackeen has served since 1983 as Assistant Adjutant General and was ticketed by Mabus as Special Advisor last year when he relieved Adjutant General Arthur Farmer of his day-to-day responsibilities because of a land purchase near Camp Shelby.

Among the crowd at Wednesday's ceremonies was Brackeen's next door neighbor on Route 2, Union, Lt. General (retired) Glenn D. Walker, a former Mississippi Adjutant General and EC alumnus.

Speaking from Camp Shelby recently, Brackeen said his job has changed a lot since he was an enlistee back in 1949. The one-time E-1 private says that now, "I spend most of my time in administrative work, planning training schedules and working with the federal and state regulations that we have to stay on top of."

Brackeen was commissioned in 1956. He is a former Dean of Students at East Central, and has been inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame, Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, and the National Junior College Hall of Fame. He is also a former ECCC Alumnus of the Year.

MAJOR GENERAL DEN VER BRACKEEN

RECOGNIZE HIM?

Can you identify the male drum major shown leading the East Central Band?

Person in photo is Mack Johnson, a Neshoba County native who attended East Central during the 1967-69 college terms.

Don Howington Named Volunteer Of The Year

The Mississippi Industrial Development Council named Don Howington of Union as the statewide economic development group's volunteer of the year. MIDC has bestowed this honor since 1977.

Howington was chosen from a field of 16 nominees from across Mississippi. The award was presented by Congressman Mike Parker at the MIDC awards luncheon in Jackson May 10, 1991.

MIDC president Steve Hardin of Gulfport said, "The private sector's volunteer commitment to economic development is phenomenal in Mississippi. This is the largest, and one of the strongest groups of dedicated volunteers yet. It was an extremely hard choice. Don Howington is truly an example of how progress can be made through commitment to service."

Howington, vice president of The Citizens Bank, serves as president of the Union Chamber of Commerce and as chairman of the industrial committee. His commitment to service covers 25 years, beginning with the Jaycees, where he held both local and state leadership roles. He has shown great expertise in finding location sites and providing infrastructure in industrial capacities, along with the knowledge of finance to facilitate success. He was responsible for locating four new industries with 435 new jobs and $13.4 million in capital investment in 229,000 square feet plus rehabilitation of an existing building.

Howington, an East Central alumnus, is a former member of the college Board of Trustees.

DON HOWINGTON

Clark Receives Doctoral Degree

At the 1991 spring commencement ceremonies at the University of Kentucky at Lexington, Stanley J. Clark, an East Central Community College graduate and a member of the faculty at the University of Southern Mississippi, was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Accounting.

Dr. Clark graduated from Decatur High School in 1978. In 1980, he graduated from East Central with a major in accounting and received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi in Business Administration in 1982. In 1985, Dr. Clark was granted a Master's Degree in Accounting from USM.

On completion of the Master's, Dr. Clark joined the faculty at the University of Southern Mississippi and after three years took a leave of absence to complete the doctorate.

Articles authored and co-authored by Dr. Clark have appeared in a number of refereed journals. His dissertation topic was "An Empirical Examination of Firms' Motivations for Early Adoption of SFAS 96 and the Information Content of Firms' Desisions to Early Adopt SFAS 96."

Dr. Clark is a Certified Public Account and holds membership in the American Association of Accountants, the National Association of Accountants and the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants. His research interests include among other topics, Income Tax Allocation and Aspects of and Motivations for Accounting Changes.

Dr. Clark is a member of a truly East Central family. His father, Joe Clark, graduated from East Central where he was an outstanding basketball player and has been a member of the faculty since 1963. His mother, Carolyn, is also an East Central graduate as is his brother, Chris. His brother Kevin is currently an East Central freshman.

DR. STANLEY J. CLARK

EARL MARSHALL

USM Inducts Marshall Into Sports Hall of Fame

Earl Marshall of Clinton was among five former athletes at the University of Southern Mississippi who were inducted into the university's Sports Hall of Fame for 1991.

Marshall, a Neshoba County native and recent inductee into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame, played for two successful seasons at East Central where he was a "60-minute man," playing entire contests as offensive and defensive end and a member of the special teams. In fact, in more than half the games in which he played he never even left the field.

Following his outstanding career at East Central, he signed a scholarship to play football at USM. He was a member of the 1956 team which posted a 7-2-1 record and played in the Tangerine Bowl. Marshall was also on the 1957 squad which finished 8-3 and again played in the Tangerine Bowl contest.

As offensive and defensive end and special teams player at Southern, Marshall was praised as one who made "valuable contributions" to each team' ssuccess. He was part of a group of outstanding ends on those teams and became the 15th member of the 1956 and 1957 squads to be inducted into the USM Sports Hall of Fame.

Over the past few years his list of service and dedication to USM is lengthy. As President of the USM Alumni Association in 1979 he initiated a project to acquire the live Eagle mascot and assisted in the planning and fund raising of an aviary to house the eagle. He is a charter member of the USM Alumni Hall of Fame, begun in 1987.

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DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE PEOPLE?

Mississippi's Mary Ann Mobley, the state's first Miss America, visited East Central during her reign in 1959 and is shown with these EC beauties on the Decatur campus. Can you recognize students pictured with Miss Mobley?

From left are Shirley Jones, Ann Sigrest, Toosie Dodson, Linda Eldridge, (Miss Mobley), Sylvia Wall, Mary Jo Hollingsworth and Rosemary Bright.

A 'Suit' For All Graduations!

Buddy Matthews Has Worn Same Suit To Receive Five Degrees

At the Union High School graduation in May, 1956, Milton Duane Matthews was wearing a new suit. The suit was a graduation gift from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Matthews.

With a diploma in hand and a summer that had been spent working in his father's store behind him, Milton entered East Central Junior College in September of 1956. While at East Central, he was a member of the marching band, the East Central Players, Sigma Tau Sigma, the TOM-TO M staff, and Phi Theta Kappa. When the graduating class of 1958 marched down the aisles of Huff Auditorium, Milton (or "Buddy" as he is known by most of his friends and associates) was wearing the same suit he wore at his high school graduation.

After a stint at Millsaps, he transferred to the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a B.S. Degree in 1960. Yes, he once again brushed off his graduation suit and for the third time wore it to receive his four-year degree.

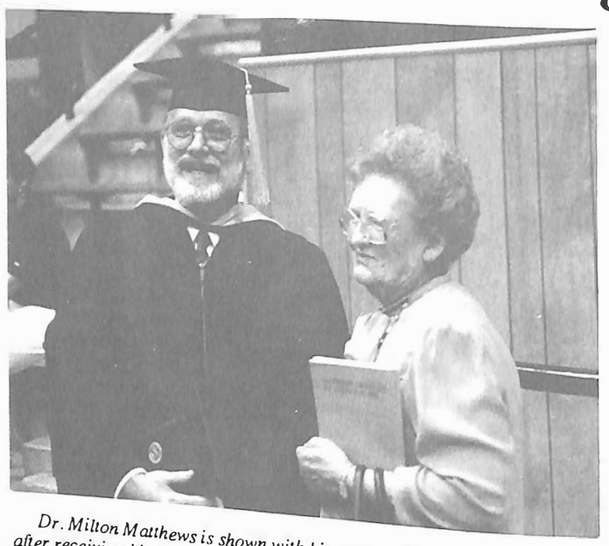
Teaching jobs awaited the new graduate at House High School in Neshoba County, at Yazoo City, and at Hardy Junior High in Jackson. While teaching, Matthews began work on a Master's Degree at Mississippi College, and in 1969 he received a Masters in Math Education and again wore his "graduation suit." Because he had gained some weight, the coat was this time left unbuttoned for the graduation ceremonies.

From the Jackson Public Schools, Matthews moved to the State Department of Education and has been with the State Department for more than twenty years.

On August 9, 1991, the graduation suit made its most recent appearance. It had been 35 years since Milton Matthews received his high school diploma, but he was determined to wear the suit once again. His mother, Mrs. Pauline Matthews, was drafted to add an extension down the back of the coat and to sew a triangle of material in the seat of the pants. Once this had been done, Milton joined the doctoral candidates who received degrees in Reed Green Coliseum at the University of Southern Mississippi. His dissertation topic was "The Impact of a Major Federal Aid to Education Program on Elementary and Secondary Education in Mississippi."

At the conclusion of the graduation ceremonies, Dr. Aubrey Lucas, President of the University of Southern Mississippi, came to the podium and announced that there were some announcements he would like to make. After encouraging the graduates to continue their support of the university, Dr. Lucas announced that he had been informed that Dr. Milton Matthews was wearing the same suit that he had worn when he received his high school diploma, the A.A. Degree, the B.S. Degree, the Master of Education Degree, and now the Doctorate. At this point, Dr. Matthews rose, waved to the crowd, and was acknowledged with much laughter and thunderous applause.

In 1992, the National Association of State Coordinators of Compensatory Education will install Dr. Matthews as its President. Perhaps when he is installed, he will wear "the graduation suit."



Dr. Milton Matthews is shown with his mother, Mrs. Pauline Matthews, after receiving his doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi.

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He is also a charter member of USM's athletic fund raising group.

The dedication to USM also extends to his family, as his wife Bobbie and sons Mike, Mickey and Robert are all USM graduates.

Others inducted into the USM Sports Hall of Fame included Bill Davis, Larry Harrington, Jr., Glen Howe and M.K. Turk.

MAC Honors Harris

Newton County High School girls' basketball coach Richard Harris was inducted earlier this year into the prestigious Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame.

Harris began his coaching career in 1957 at St. Martin High School in Ocean Springs where he remained through 1960. His 1969 girls' team won the Singing River Conference and advanced to state tournament action.

In the fall of 1960, Harris returned to his hometown of Hickory where he coached the following 27 years and still resides. Some years he coached the boys and other times he directed female squads. More often, he coached both teams. Ten of his Hickory squads competed in state tournament action with three of his girls' teams (1964, 1965 and 1974) winning their classification.

His Hickory girls won nine conference titles (Big Black and Cherokee), while his boys won seven league crowns.

Harris entered a brief retirement in 1987, but returned the next year to coach the men's and women's teams at Clarke College.

He returned to the pep ranks in 1989-90 and led the Decatur Lady Warriors to a 31-4 record and the Class 2A State Championship.

His overall high school record is 1241 wins against 483 losses.

Harris' philosophy for success is, "It takes discipline, determination, and hard work to become a good basketball player."

In both 1965 and 1973, he was selected to coach in the girls' high school All-Star game. He was also named Girls' Coach of the Year for 1985-86.

Harris was earlier honored by his alma mater, East Central Community College, when he was inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Other inductees into the MAC Hall of Fame included Tom Burt of Pearl who also attended East Central; Jackson Murrah coach Orsmond Jordan, Columbus Caldwell coach Evans Page, and Southwest College president and former coach Horace Holmes, Sr.

RICHARD HARRIS

McMullan Honored As Woman of Distinction

LOIS McMULLAN

Mrs. Lois McMullan was honored as the Woman of Distinction of Xi Chapter at the Zeta State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at a luncheon on Saturday, April 13, 1991 in Greenville. The award recognizes contributions to the work of Delta Kappa Gamma and to the field of education in general.

Mrs. McMullan teaches mathematics at East Central Community College in Decatur and has taught at Newton and at Decatur high schools. While teaching at Decatur High School, she was twice selected as STAR Teacher. She was named the Academic Instructor of the year at ECCC in the fall of 1990.

In addition to serving in many other capacities in Xi Chapter, Mrs. McMullan served the chapter as president from 1988 to 1990. She is also active in other professional and civic clubs as well as in the Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

Mrs. McMullan is married to Raymond McMullan who serves as the Director of Admissions, Records, and Research at ECCC. They have two married children: Mike, who recently graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical Center; and Sherri (Mrs. Randy Russell), who teaches mathematics at Northwest Rankin High School.

Mother, Daughter Learn Yearbooks 'Fast'

Sixty-page deadlines, spot color, duotone, bleeding --- all those terms may be have been unfamiliar in one household just six years ago.

But since then Carol Vickers and Harriet Vickers fully know the meanings of those yearbook terms.

Mother Carol Vickers is yearbook adviser at East Central Community College in Decatur and daughter, Harriet Vickers, is yearbook adviser at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

Carol Vickers, who has spent 30 years in the education field, the last eight at ECCC, has been yearbook adviser for the past five years. Harriet, now in her fourth year at Co-Lin, recently completed her third yearbook.

Neither ever expected to wind up sponsoring a yearbook.

Carol "inherited" her position five years ago when the yearbook adviser left in the middle of the year to accept another job. "The only experience I had ever had working on an annual was in high school."

When Harriet became director of public information at Co-Lin in May, 1988, she, too, "inherited" the job as yearbook adviser. "I had never worked on a yearbook before," she admits.

But both mother and daughter learned quickly.

Both yearbooks have won awards from the Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Association. The East Central *Wo-He-Lo* has captured awards for theme and copy, while the Co-Lin *Trillium* has won awards for layout and theme development. When the MCJCPA meets twice yearly, usually the Vickers women room together. "But when I go home to Decatur, our family gets provoked because all Mother and I talk about are our yearbooks. We even talk on the telephone constantly about how our book is progressing," Harriet states.

Family includes husband and dad, Ovid Vickers, long-time instructor at East Central; older daughter and sister, Nona, her husband, and two children; and son and younger brother, Ovid, Jr.

Both Carol and Harriet agree that the worst thing about advising a yearbook is meeting deadlines. "Many people believe that a yearbook 'just magically comes out'. They do not appreciate the book until they work on one and realize that hundreds of hours of work go into the production," Mrs. Vickers said.

Another problem is the spring yearbook, both agree, which has final deadlines in the middle of February. "You miss so many activities," Mrs. Vickers adds.

"The students are gone so long at Christmas and the deadlines are so close together," Harriet said.

Yearbook deadlines usually come around November 20, with about 30 pages due at the printer; December 15, with 50 or so pages; 70 due by January 15; with the final pages due about February 20. The number of pages due at a particular deadline is determined by the total number of pages in the book.

Seeing the finished product is the most enjoyable part of the job, Harriet thinks. Mrs. Vickers adds, "It's getting to know the students and when they achieve something they did not know they could do. Seeing them take pride in what they do is a joy."

Has mother helped daughter?

"Yes," Harriet explained, "I have learned many tricks and shortcuts from Mom, who had been working two years before me on an annual."

Has daughter helped mother? "Yes," Mrs. Vickers states, "Harriet taught me to set up club and organization group pictures."

"Harriet has an advantage over me," Mrs. Vickers continues, "in that she can take her own photos, if need be. She also is newspaper adviser and can switch and use the same pictures if need be."

Are yearbooks changing? "Constantly", both say. "Even in the short time we have been into yearbooks, we can see changes. It used to be that just photos were used, but more written coverage is now given to events. A more journalistic approach has emerged," they agree. "Older yearbooks may not have identified people in photos and now 20 years later most will not remember the person or people in the photo," Mrs. Vickers said.

"When we talk we also discuss ideas for themes for our yearbooks," Harriet added.

"The minute you get one book out, you begin to plan and look for another theme," Mrs. Vickers said.

Both agree, it's been a learning experience. An experience, however, that they both enjoy.

Story and photo by Burlian Walker of Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

Carol Vickers, yearbook sponsor at East Central, and daughter Harriet who serves in the same capacity at Copiah-Lincoln. (Photo courtesy Copiah-Lincoln Community College.)

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WITH YOU IN MIND

Marilee Lear Casts Television, Movie Actors in Las Vegas

MARILEE LEAR

Former actress and East Central alumna, Marilee Lear, has embarked on a new phase of her career in show business -- casting actors and actresses for movies, television and Las Vegas shows.

A six-year contract player for Warner Brothers Studios, the Neshoba County native acted at the beginning of her career in such television mainstays as "The Beverly Hillbillies," "Surfside Six," "77 Sunset Strip," "The Dakotas," and "The Real McCoys."

Her acting experience for Warner Bros., MGM and General Service studios gives her the background for her branch of sister-in-law Sally's Reno casting company.

Presently Lear Casting is scouting talent for an ABC "Movie of the Week" called "The Entertainers." The movie stars Bob Newhart.

Marilee recently cast a new pilot television show about Las Vegas, "Jack's House." The pilot began filming in April at Caesars Palace. David Bee Kroft of "General Hospital" will star in the new show and opening scenes will include magician David Copperfield. "Jack's House" is produced by Aaron Spelling.

Fans of the comedy, "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids," should know that a sequel is on the way for which Marilee did screen tests. Shooting for the "Honey" sequel is set for June in Las Vegas.

Marilee's year-old business also has done location casting for "The Wizard," starring Fred Savage; "Misery," for which Kathy Bates won the Best Actress Oscar; and "Pink Cadillac." Television commercials for McDonald's, Chrysler, Ford-Taurus, Chevrolet, Mazda and Amtrak, among other corporations, are credited to Lear Casting.

Popular television shows like "Rescue 911," "Unsolved Mysteries," "Star Man," "High Mountain Rangers," and "Bonanza, the Next Generation" are on the growing list of clients for Lear Casting.

The daughter of Leroy and Edia Pearl Higginbotham of Philadelphia, Marilee has a sister in Philadelphia, Mary Ruth Dennis, who works in the county administrator's office. Her brother and two other sisters are Roy Mack Higginbotham of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mary Lou Wales of Houston, TX; and Camille Gray of Vicksburg.

Married in 1971 to John Lear, a world-renowned UFO expert and son of William P. Lear, inventor of the Lear Jet, brought Marilee a life of travel and adventure through his flying career, including a honeymoon in Cambodia and a home on the island of Cyprus.

John holds the world record for time around the world in a Lear Jet and is the only pilot in the world to hold every certificate the Federal Aviation Administration offers -- from hot air balloons to the largest planes.

Their teenage daughters, Alli and Jacqui, have inherited their parents' unique interests, including unusual flying feats for Alli and acting for Jacqui. Thirteen-year-old Jacqui has appeared in several Hollywood produced movies and has starred in five Oreo cookie commercials.

Marilee comes home to Neshoba County to visit about once a year, bringing show business news straight from Las Vegas.

Story and photo courtesy of The Neshoba Democrat.

East Central Alumna Earns National Certification

Mrs. Ouida Thomas, a 1959 graduate of East Central Community College, has been recognized as a nationally certified teacher of piano by Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). Mrs. Thomas teaches approximately forty-five students in her independent studio. She is active as an adjudicator for keyboard festivals and serves as the organist-choirmaster at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Thomas, who holds a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University, is completing her master's degree in music education at Delta State University in Cleveland. She is the audition chairman and a Hall of Fame member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers, and a member of the Mississippi Music Teachers Association and the Grenada Area Music Teachers Association.

Eligibility for MTNA national certification is based on stringent criteria developed and administered by the association's National Certification Board. Renewal of the certificate every five years requires continuing self-improvement and growth in the music teaching profession.

Founded in 1876, MTNA is a nonprofit organization serving more than 25,000 music teachers who work in independent studios, private and public schools, conservatories and

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OUIDA THOMAS

EC Grad "Flying High" As Airline Stewardess

Every young girl dreams of the travel and excitement associated with those who can say, "Come fly with me". For one former Union resident, however, that dream became reality.

Leisa Richardson Beausang, currently residing in Irving, TX, grew up in Union and attended East Central in 1978-80 before completing work for her BS Degree in Speech Communication at USM. She is presently employed as a flight attendant for American Airlines, a position she has held for the past six years. As such, Leisa is directly responsible for safety and service on each flight. She also teaches classes at the American Airlines Flight Academy-Dallas/Ft. Worth. As an Emergency Procedures Training Instructor, Leisa is assigned the duty of evaluating flight attendants' annual test of proficiency in emergency procedures. In addition, she also teaches a variety of special assignment courses.

Flying domestic flights is still the primary role in her job, however. Her

LEISA BEAUSANG

first year of flying found her based in New York, a place she would like to visit again, but "Give me Southerners any day of the week," she says.

Leisa met husband Jay while both

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EC Alumna Wins Top Nursing Honors

Brenda Waggoner Whatley was named MNA Nurse of the Year for 1990, the highest award bestowed by the professional association for registered nurses in Mississippi.

Mrs. Whatley, who spent the past five school terms as public health school nurse in Meridian public schools, is currently starting a new public health program, "Perinatal High Risk Management," in Lauderdale County.

A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a BSN, Mrs. Whatley attended East Central from 1960-62. While at EC, she was a member of the *Tom-Tom* staff, the EC Players, the tennis team, the BSU Executive Council, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and the Student Body Association. She was Freshman Class Favorite, President of Women's Student Government, Captain of the women's intramural team, and Dean's List scholar.

BRENDA WHATLEY

Mrs. Whatley, a divorcee, is the mother of three children: Angela Gunn, 27, a respiratory therapist at Laird's Hospital; Lynda Whatley, 25, an EC graduate who is office manager for McGregor Printing; and Jamie Whatley, 22, also an EC graduate, who is with U.S. Navy Power, Orlando, Florida. She also has three grandsons, ages 8, 7, and 5.

Although Mrs. Whatley had majored in pre-med before marriage, it was not until 1982, when her oldest child began college, that she made her move toward a degree in nursing. At that time she began commuting from Newton to the community college in Meridian, where she graduated in 1984. While working as a registered nurse in a Newton hospital, she completed requirements for a bachelor of science in nursing from the Meridian Branch of USM.

Mrs. Whatley's work in hospitals increased her love for her career, but one of the major reasons for continuing her goal was child abuse. Once while attending an adult patient, she realized that an untreated venereal disease contracted when the patient was sexually abused as a child had resulted in that patient's blindness. "Maybe that could have been prevented if there had been associations like ours, and nurses like we're putting out today," she says.

Mrs. Whatley moved to Meridian to take a job as a public health school nurse, which at the time was a pilot program. She served as president of her district and has served on many committees at the district and state levels. She has been a recipient of district and state School Nurse of the Year awards. She was the initiator of Senate Bill #2631 in the MS Legislature to allow RNs under the supervision of the MS State Department of Health to be placed in public schools known to be at risk for potential health problems in the state. As president of her district, she saw a 50% growth in MNA membership and more than a 300% increase in program attendance.

In addition to serving as President of MNA District 16 and being named 1989 MNA School Nurse of the Year and 1990 MNA Nurse of the Year, Mrs. Whatley is a member of the Baptist Nursing Fellowship, a Red Cross volunteer, a 4-H volunteer, a member of First Ladies Civitan, and a member of State Blvd. Baptist Church Summer Mission Team. She enjoys swimming, tennis, fishing, attending plays, and traveling.

Mrs. Whatley says, "Many of my life's fondest memories were made at EC. The acquaintances I made there were like an extension of my family. There is a special bond with these people, peers and faculty. The education I received at EC was challenging, encouraging and inspiring to reach greater heights of success. I felt a part of EC 30 years ago and still do today; and I reflect on my learning experience there with each new challenge I face."

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were working as counselors in a camp for handicapped children in Florida. Jay, a native of Melbourne, Fla., is employed with the Marriott Corporation.

Calligraphy, visiting family in Union, and keeping in touch with friends through letter writing fill Leisa's free time. Many of those letters are addressed to friends made while Leisa was a student at East Central. Her classmates will remember her as a cheerleader, a member of the fashion squad, and freshman homecoming maid. She was also named to *Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges* and was selected as Homecoming Queen in 1979.

Appearing in the cast of two East Central musicals is among Leisa's favorite memories. "I was amazed at how Mr. Peterson, Mr. Heritage, and Mr. Vickers took students from small towns that had never acted, sang, or danced, and produced such entertaining musicals. What a miracle!" she says. "I also remember how Mrs. K. (Kilpatrick) took such good care of us my freshman year. I have such fond memories of EC. I made lifelong friends while attending school there."

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institutions of higher learning. National Certification is one of the principal programs through which MTNA carries out its mission of raising standards of music teaching, performance and understanding in America.

PATTY GRAHAM

Female Bank President Credits EC For Success

For many years, the world of banking was a man's domain, but Decatur resident Patricia Graham has proved that a woman can hold her own in the field of high finance.

A graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, the former Patricia Hatcher entered East Central in the fall of 1968. It was at East Central that she met her future husband, Stanley Graham. After her marriage, Patty, as she is called by family and friends, took a job with the Peoples Bank (now Eastover Bank for Savings), and she has been a part of the banking world ever since.

In 1987, when the Great Southern National Bank System decided to open the Bank of Decatur, Patty was employed as Branch Manager. "It was a really big challenge for me," she stated. "I felt that I was ready to move up, but even with that feeling, I was apprehensive, perhaps because

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Michael's Ark Showcases Unusual Collection of Intriguing Animals

Mike Calvert's love of animals has fostered a collection of intriguing species in rural Neshoba County.

The family farm is home not only to its original dairy cows, but increasingly in the last few years, a host of miniature animals and several giant size breeds.

The farm has been dubbed Michael's Ark because the unusual animals have been bought "two by two" for future breeding purposes.

Calvert began collecting the miniature animals when a teacher at East Central Community College, Marion Thornton, informed him that she had some sheep. He asked if there were any for sale, and four ewes and a ram "sparked everything else," including, according to Calvert, animals "I didn't even know existed."

A tour of the farm gives visitors a wide variety of animals to see and pet. Housed in pens around the house and stretching out into the pastures are miniature (pot-bellied) pigs, pygmy goats, Nigerian dwarf goats and miniature horses, donkeys, cows and sheep. Other species on the farm include very large Belgian horses, a belted Galloway bull, a llama, a Mammoth Jenny donkey, a pair of rare black Australian swans and two pairs of peacocks.

One of the most enticing stops on the tour is the pen in which the "fainting" goats reside.

"Fainting" goats suffer from a nerve disorder called myatonia which causes them to stiffen and topple over after any sudden or frightening action. In order to register the "fainting" goats a picture must be presented of the animal in the fainting position (feet up).

According to Calvert, his goats are used to him, so he can't scare them easily. "Every time I get my camera they won't do it," said Calvert. A couple arriving to visit the family recently went to the goat pen before Calvert got home. They slapped two metal water pans together and made the most stubborn goat faint. The friends knew of the registration restrictions and took a picture of the event.

The pride of Calvert's collection is a miniature horse named Masterpiece, whose sire was a grand champion and placed fourth nationally in shows. The tiny animal's gleaming chestnut colored coat and mane attest to its top quality.

Calvert has been known to stay with his animals all through the night when they are sick. When the miniature pig's litter was born, he had to feed the babies by hand for three nights in a row until the mother delivered two stillborn babies and could nurse the first of the litter.

He feeds the animals morning and night, and provides special treats for some of them. For instance, the little horses get an apple slice every night, but the mare gets a 'Nilla wafer because she doesn't like apples.

Calvert is in the process of getting started with breeder's stock. He plans to sell the first babies of some of the animals in order to get back the starting price of the stock. A breeding project he is starting is crossing a Jersey heifer to a miniature Zebu bull. After crossing back and forth several times, he hopes to get a perfect looking Jersey cow in the miniature size of about 34 or 35 inches. He also wants to try that through artificial insemination with Dexters and the belted Galloway bull, which looks like an Oreo cookie.

The house pet of the 90s, according to Calvert, is the pot-bellied pig. The miniature pigs are being brought into homes all over America, he says, and they can be trained to use a litter box in three days. Purina is even

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MIKE CALVERT AND ONE OF HIS "LITTLE FRIENDS"

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this was an unusual position for a woman, especially in a small town where people are accustomed to seeing a man as the head of the bank."

The training which Patty received at East Central in Intensive Business gave her the foundation she needed for a career in the business world. Additional banking courses at Meridian Community College and Vanderbilt University strengthened her grasp on matters relating to the world of finance.

Patty comes from a real "East Central family," with all six of her brothers and sisters having attended the college. John Austin Hatcher is now a highway patrolman in Winston County; Mike is a teacher and coach at Saltillo; Bonnie (Creekmore) is a teacher in Laurel; Pam (Blackwell) is a housewife in Louisville; Jennifer (Knight) is employed at Taylor Machine Works in Louisville; and Anita lives in Monroe, La. The Hatcher children are the children of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Hatcher of Louisville.

"East Central naturally has been a big part of our lives. Since one or more of us was in school there for nearly twenty years, we were always interested in what was happening on the campus. And since I had settled in Decatur and reared my children here, we always kept up with college activities, especially during the past two years when my son was in school at EC."

Patty and Stan are the parents of three children: Barry, a 1991 graduate of East Central and now a student at Delta State; Leigh Ann, a promising young country music star now living in Nashville; and Emily, a student at Newton County High School. The Graharns attend Midway Baptist Church, and during her free time Patty enjoys sewing and traveling.

When asked about her memories of her time at East Central, Patty replied, "I had such good teachers in business. Mr. Bedwell and Mr. Pennington, of course, were great, but I especially remember Kathryn Wright who taught me advanced typing. Mrs. Wright always demanded the best of us and wouldn't let us get away with mediocre work, and I think that helped me establish the standards I have for myself and those I work with."

Former All-State Warrior Finds Success As State Administrator

REGINALD WELCH

From the basketball court at East Central to the halls of the State Capitol might seem to be a giant leap, but for East Central alumnus Reginald Welch, the move has been a natural one.

Graduating from Decatur High School in 1975, Reginald entered East Central as a freshman in the fall and participated for two years as a member of the Warrior basketball team. Welch's two years on the Warrior team were rewarded with his being named First Team All State during his sophomore year. Former coach Joe Clark remembers Reginald as a hardworking player who was always more interested in the welfare of the team than in his own statistics.

"Sports had always been a big part of my life," Welch observed, "and East Central provided me the opportunity to continue playing basketball for another two years. I have many memorable moments that I cherish as a member of the EC basketball team."

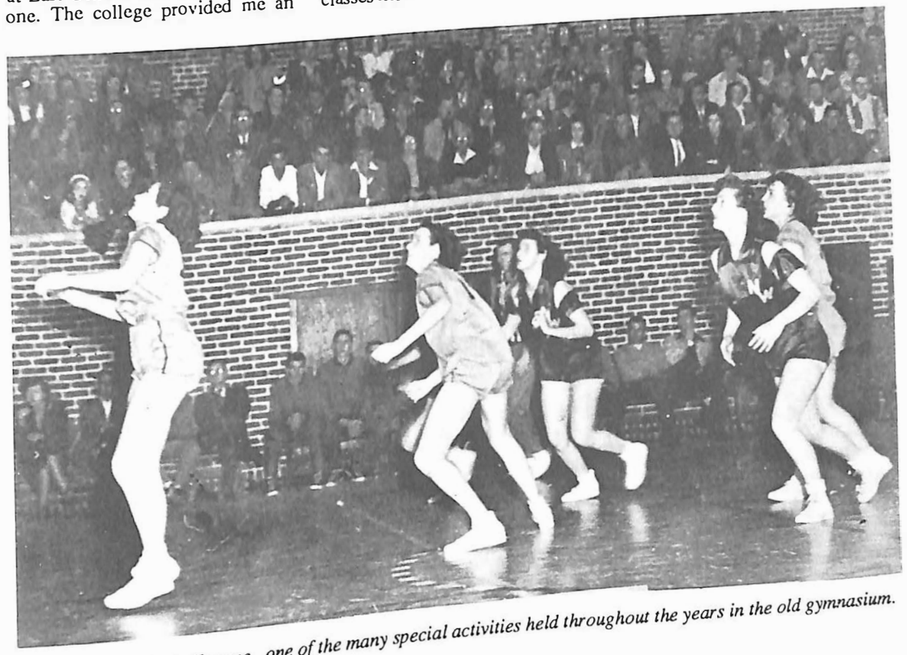
In 1977, Welch entered the University of Southern Mississippi, where he was awarded the B.S. Degree in Accounting in 1979. Soon after graduation, he accepted a position in the Department of Finance with the State of Mississippi and is now Director of Accounting and Finance. In this position, he is responsible for the overall accounting and budgeting for the Division of General Services.

Welch is a certified Public Accountant and is a member of the Association of Government Accounts. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. In his spare time, he enjoys playing basketball and golf and working with the youth in his church.

Welch's wife, the former Peggy Shelby of Hattiesburg, is Personnel Assistant at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and the couple are parents to a son, Reginald Jamaal Welch, who is two years old.

"The students, faculty, and staff at East Central were all very supportive of me when I was in school there," Welch said. "My overall experience at East Central was a very positive one. The college provided me an opportunity to get the first two years of my education close to home and in a supportive environment. It definitely prepared me for the challenges I encountered at the university level."

Welch is not the only member of his family to attend East Central. His sister, Sheila, was an outstanding member of the Lady Warriors basketball teams for two years. His two brothers, Kendall and Reynold, also attended East Central, and their mother, Valean, took adult education classes here.



A women's basketball game...one of the many special activities held throughout the years in the old gymnasium.

More Calvert—

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putting out a pot-bellied pig food. They were brought to America from Canada and in 1986 there were only 18 in this country.

Calvert has plenty of help from his family, including his father and mother, Bob and Sis Calvert, and his sister, Patty Calvert. Both he and his sister work in Philadelphia and they care for the animals early in the morning and late at night.

Masterpiece, the miniature horse, will probably be shown at Mississippi State Fair this year. Several of the animals will be shown by Calvert at an exhibit at Octoberfest in the fall.

Story and photo courtesy of The Neshoba Democrat.

If Those Walls Could Ever Talk...

Old Gym Helped Make Students Feel Forever Young

If the wall of the old gymnasium at East Central Community College could talk, they might relate a wealth of stories extending back to 1930 when the building was constructed.

This building, one of the first brick gymnasiums built in East Central Mississippi, has served the college and community in many ways. Originally, the building contained a stage and portable seating and was used as an auditorium as well as a gymnasium.

In 1936, Newton County celebrated the centennial of its formation as a county. The ceremonies and festivities to mark the occasion were held in the East Central gym. Dr. L. O. Todd spoke, and Mrs. Nellie Neil Cross sang, "America the Beautiful." The program was directed by Mrs. Stella Newsome, and the various communities in the county were responsible for presenting skits depicting outstanding events in the county's history.

Because so many people attended the celebration, everyone could not get into the building. Just as it became evident that there would be an overflow crowd, a young man passed through Decatur with loudspeakers attached to the top of his car. He was advertising a motion picture which was playing in Newton. Officials of the centennial committee commandeered his loudspeakers, and everyone was able to hear the program

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Letters

Mr. Bubby Johnston
P.O. Box 50
ECCC
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Mr. Johnston:

I recently discovered the latest copy of The Warrior and really enjoyed the articles. It really brought back fond memories to hear about faculty and alumni that I had not heard from in many years.

I am sure you are familiar with "The Thrill of Victory and the Agony of Defeat." Reading the article about "First Female SBA President, Lucy Young," made me think about the thrill of victory for Lucy and the agony of defeat for me. Yes, I was the one Lucy defeated. Lucy was a great President and a positive force for the college.

I was proud to see that Dr. Ethridge had been selected as the college's Outstanding Teacher and that the vocational building was named in honor of Dr. Tucker.

There were so many familiar names I saw that I could not begin to comment on them all. I did decide to become a Lifetime Member of the ECCC Alumni Association after having scanned the periodical. I can hardly wait to receive my very own copy of The Warrior.

Sincerely,
Joe Anthony
1341 Pinewood Road
West Point, MS 39773

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Mr. Ovid Vickers
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Mr. Vickers:

Last Spring, at the ECJC Player's Reunion, you asked me to let you know when I completed my Ph.D. degree. Well, I am glad to let you know that I have now completed the degree and received my diploma during commencement here at MSU on May 11, 1991.

I will begin teaching at the University of Alabama this fall in the Department of Counselor Education as an Assistant Professor. One of the things that I have thought about often as I prepare to enter the teaching profession is that I hope I can be as effective a teacher as the instructors I had at ECJC. I feel that I owe a great debt of gratitude to my instructors at ECJC, not only for their skills in the classroom, but also for their abilities to motivate students and for taking such an intense and real interest in each student's personal growth and development. Most people look back to the time they were in school at ECJC fondly and so do I. East Central Junior College, for me, provided a supportive environment for both academic and personal growth. I really didn't realize what a positive impact my experiences at ECJC have had in my life until I graduated from there and grew older and, hopefully, a little wiser.

Again, I want to thank you for being such a positive influence. At the risk of leaving some names out, other faculty members who greatly influenced my life (perhaps unknowingly) were Ms. Alyne Simmons, Mr. Bruce Peterson, Mrs. Lois McMullan, Mr. Joe Clark, Dr. Richard Ethridge, Mr. Bruce Guraedy, Mrs. Alice Pouncey, Ms. Martha Graham, and Mr. Bob Heritage. All of you influence countless lives by the examples you set for students, and I wonder sometimes if you really know how much you are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Jamie Satcher, Ph.D.
Asst. Project Coordinator/
Instructor
Dept. of Counselor Education
Miss. State University

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Mr. Bubby Johnston
P.O. Box 50
East Central Community College
Decatur, Miss. 39327

Dear Bubby,

Thank you for your recent call concerning my national certification. Enclosed is the photo you requested. I appreciate your interest in including this article in the East Central Alumni magazine.

I enjoy reading your publication so very much. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Ouida Power Thomas
409 South Main
Grenada, MS 38901

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Mr. Bubby Johnston
P.O. Box 50
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Bubby,

I was so impressed with "The Warrior". It is an excellent publication with a professional appearance. I really appreciate the article about the award that I received.

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More Old Gym

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even if they were not able to see it.

Until 1953, when Huff Auditorium was built, all graduations for East Central Junior College and the old Newton County Agricultural High School were held in the gymnasium. May Day was celebrated on the afternoon of graduation day; and if rain clouds threatened, the festivities, the May Queen and her court, along with the May pole and the program, were moved into the gym.

Each April for the past fifty years, students have transformed the old gym into a dream world. Paper moons and silver stars shine overhead, while festooned gazebos and flower gardens surround the dance floor. For one magic night, young men and women dance in formal clothes surrounded by music and soft lights, believing, at least for a few hours, that they will be forever young.

This year in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Center, the college presented for a five-night run, the musical "The Pajama Game." The first musical presented at East Central was "The Bell of Barcelona," which was given on the stage of the old gym. Two of the leading characters were Mrs. Milton Thornton (then Marion Graham) and Fred Ray Blocker who now lives in Edinburg and is the author of the novel "So Late This Year."

The gymnasium has not always been a place for merrymaking and spirited basketball games. In the past a double funeral was conducted in the building for two people who were killed in an automobile accident. Another tragedy occurred one night in the 1940's when a man became so excited at a basketball game that he died of a heart attack under the south goal as he was walking out of the gym.

Three things occurred that night in rapid succession. A water main broke on the campus; the man fell dead in the gymnasium; and all the lights on the campus went out. In order to provide light when the ambulance arrived, people parked their cars so that the headlamps would shine through the open doors of the gymnasium.

One year a member of a high school graduating class died, and the class members requested that a vacant chair be left among them for the classmate who would not be present.

Additional seating of approximately 500 people was added to the south end of the gymnasium in 1951. This addition was needed to accommodate the fans who came to see the brilliant playing done by teams that were coached by Arno Vincent and Clayton Blount. These two coaches took teams all the way from East Central to the National Junior College Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

For about twenty years the State "Double B" Basketball Toumament was held at East Central. For a week in February, people from as far north as Iuka and as far south as Hancock County converged on Decatur to cheer for their high school teams.

At one of these games while a player was preparing to shoot a free shot, a supporter for the opposing team threw a live opossum into the center of the court. The referee blew his whistle, put his foot on the opossum's head, caught the animal behind the neck and threw it out the door. The player made the basket.

Two coaches who coach today in the Southeastern Conference played in this gymnasium. Sue Gunter, who is the girls' coach at Louisiana State University, and Van Chancellor, who coaches the girls at the University of Mississippi, both played basketball for East Central. Sam Retigulano, who played both basketball and football while he was a student at East Central, is a former head coach of the Cleveland Browns.

The old gym is no longer used for intercollegiate games. A new sports facility was built in 1970; but I am sure that if one stands at center court of the old gym and closes his eyes, from out of the past he will hear the roar of the crowd as a player named Denver Brackeen, Joe Clark, John Williams, J. P. Hurst, Richard Harris, or Elton Wall strips the net with an outside shot. Or perhaps young girls named Daisy Kate Chaney, Jessie Mae Stewart, Barbara Davidson or Lucille Wood makes a free shot that wins the game.

The rules of the game have changed. Many of the men and women who wore the black and gold warm-ups with an Indian head on the back now have gray hair and grandchildren, but they remember the gym, the games, and the cheer, "On Decatur! On Decatur! On to the winning score..."

More Letters

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I especially enjoyed the article about Mrs. Newsome. She is the person who inspired me to become a teacher.

Congratulations for publishing such a fine magazine!

Sincerely,
Beverly Rhodes
(Mrs. Dusty Rhodes)
134 Oak Park Drive
Forest, Miss. 39074

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Mr. Bubby Johnston
Public Information Director
ECCC
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Mr. Johnston,

The enclosed contribution to East Central Community College is made in memory of Madaline Smith Mayes.

Madaline, her husband Rudolph and I graduated from Newton County Agricultural High School in 1950 and from East Central in 1952. Madaline helped plan our high school reunion held earlier this year in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Williamson.

Thank you for sending *The Warrior*. It is an outstanding publication.

Sincerely,
Patsy Cleveland Johnston
23 Jana Drive
Monroe, LA 71201

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Dr. Brad Tucker
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Tucker:

The E.C.J.C. Homecoming events have rekindled the ever glowing coals of my life's intents and purposes. May I take just a few moments to share what E.C.J.C. means to me.

Even as a young student E.C.J.C represented to me more than a mere "school", in the connotative sense of the word. I had worked hard physically, mentally and emotionally preparing myself to be ready for an education at an institution of higher learning. I was never naive enough to believe that education would or could come through memorizing concepts and ideas from printed pages and then waiting until life pushed the right buttons thereby eliciting the prerecorded rote flow of verbal and mental regurgitation. I intuitively knew that knowledge, while requiring much of that, is too deep (or too high) to be encompassed by such intellectual mechanics. I knew that real knowledge requires a type of organic integration in which the student embodies the conceptual understanding both into his person and into the community corpus of which he is a functional organ for service. E.C.J.C. facilitated this growth in and through me.

A college certainly, but it was also a home where I found kindred minds and hearts; a home certainly, but it was also a sanctuary for there I began to delve into the inner mysteries of life. There I felt secure enough to allow the ever palpable presence of being, to sensitize me to the cries of suffering and to the promise of relief through compassion of spirit wedded to skillful intelligence. There at E.C.J.C., I consecrated my life to serving mankind's needs which I found to be no different from my own. My success as a physician has not been due so much to inherent mental brilliance but to the incredible polishing of one with ordinary lustre by daring teachers whom I trusted as they entrusted me with their best.

My teachers then and elsewhere have taught me to cultivate the attitude of success without arrogance, pride in personal pursuit tempered with a humility of experience, and finally, service to humanity while remaining grateful for the opportunity to serve.

In summary, some 28 years after my graduation, I remember E.C.J.C. as a vital center of learning where the common unity of humanistic community and intellectual opportunity allow one to develop his highest creative potential. Anything less is not an education. That is what E.C.J.C. means to me.

With esteemed appreciation,
Beverly Oliphant, M.D.
United States Dept. of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

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Public Information Office
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear East Central,

Greetings to my friends in Decatur!

I recently received a copy of the alumni magazine and have reread it several times. In a way it was like being back on campus because of all the memories it brought back.

I realized the campus must have changed a great deal from the articles, etc. The photo with Johnny Biggs et al must have been my last year or the year after, I did remember faces but names were lost.

Indeed I look forward to the next issue and thank you for putting my name on the mailing list.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alice M. Couch
174 Creekview Court
Martinez, GA 30907

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Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 30327-0129

Dear Dr. Smith:

On behalf of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, I want to express our appreciation for the gracious hospitality extended to the Reaffirmation Committee which recently visited East Central Community College. The support and assistance rendered by you and your staff facilitated the work of the committee and was greatly appreciated.

From a personal standpoint, I want to congratulate you on the superb character and nature of your institution. As I said at the Exit Interview, all of us on the Committee commented frequently on several of the superlative aspects of East Central Community College. Whether it was your innovative "Kids College," the interactions with local area businesses, the distinctive programs you have developed that have earned national acclaim, or the day-to-day ongoing operations of the institution, East Central Community College is a fine institution. It is obvious that you have been hard at work building the kinds of programs, staff, and reputation that would be a credit to you professionally, as well as the people of the region. Congratulations on a job well done; I know the future will be even more illustrious since you are building on this superb foundation.

I particularly want to thank you for your sensitivity to the needs of the visiting committee and the special dynamics that were involved in this situation. You and the members of your staff were extraordinarily kind and gracious in both your reception and interaction with the Committee. Given your familiarity with the operations with the Commission on Colleges, I would have expected no less from you and your institution, especially in view of your service to the Commission and your experience with the Visiting Committee process. I especially wanted to thank you for taking the time to provide the Choctaw Indian baskets to the members of the Committee as a part of your demonstration of hospitality. They were extremely grateful for that expression of appreciation and I think that gesture added an extra unique feature to the visitation.

Once again, congratulations on doing a fine job in receiving the committee and for the progress made to date. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards,
John E. Sites
Associate Executive Director
Commission on Colleges
So. Assoc. of Colleges & Schools

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Dr. Eddie Smith, President
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Smith:

Congratulations to East Central Community College for the acceptance of your Exemplary Program/Services to be included in the AACJC's first publication.

You and your staff continue to add to Mississippi's distinguished community/junior college history.

Sincerely,
Olon E. Ray
Executive Director
Mississippi State Board
For Community & Junior Colleges

Recent Alumni Happenings

David Howell is President of the Friends of the Library in Carthage.

Carol Germany has been promoted to the position of Assistant Cashier with the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia.

Marion Felton, plant manager of the Newton Company, has recently been named to the Board of Directors of Rush Hospital-Newton.

Earl Marshall is now serving as President of the newly-established Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Association.

Dr. Wayne Burkes, Highway Commissioner of the Central District of Mississippi, recently conducted a revival at Renfro Baptist Church in Leake County.

Chuck Lambert, Chairman of the Honorary Advisory Board of "Who's Who in Mississippi," recently announced that Skip Lathem of Morton has been selected to be inducted into that prestigious awards publication.

Mark Amis has been a member of the "Roadrunner Squad" at Mississippi State University. The 88-member group acts as a recruiting team for the University.

Representative Raymond Comans of Decatur, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, presented a resolution adopted by the Mississippi Legislature to Brig. Gen. Denver Brackeen, the Governor's special advisor for military affairs, for General Brackeen's role in the recent Persian Gulf military action.

Lou White was selected as STAR Teacher by Nanette Eve Wilkerson,

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OBITUARIES

Two-Year College Chief Dies While Vacationing

George Vaught Moody, 59, retired executive director of the Mississippi State Board for Junior and Community Colleges, died of heart failure July 1, 1991, while vacationing in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

Services were held July 5, 1991 at Morrison Heights Baptist Church with burial in the Poplarville City Cemetery in Poplarville. Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home in Jackson was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Moody received his education in the public schools of Tylertown, Pascagoula and Poplarville. He was a graduate of Pearl River Community College and Mississippi State University. He received master's and doctorate degrees in education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mr. Moody led Mississippi's 15 two-year colleges for 20 years. He died on the fifth anniversary of the board he helped create through legislative lobbying. He officially retired as executive director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges June 30, 1990. He stayed on until October 1, 1990, when the board selected a replacement, Olon Ray, former education adviser to Governor Ray Mabus.

Mr. Moody announced his retirement as executive director in December, 1989, citing his longstanding health problems and a desire to spend time with his family.

When he retired, Mr. Moody's colleagues created the George V. Moody Institute in his honor. They also selected Moody to oversee the institute, which contains about

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DR. GEORGE VAUGHT MOODY

More Alumni Happenings

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the STAR Student at Newton County High School.

Area lawyers W.H. Johnson, Jr. and Robert Logan visited and lectured in area classrooms during a recent observance of Law Week.

English Instructor Denise Crotwell was selected STAR Teacher by Lynnetta Cooksey at Lake High School.

Michelle Gavin of Newton County Academy selected Lois Price as STAR Teacher.

Coach Bill Smith and his Neshoba Central Lady Rockets won the State 4-A Championship in basketball.

Stacie Therrell was initiated into Alpha Iota Conclave of Kappa Kappa Iota Teaching Sorority.

Jimmy McWhirter received a state Civil Defense Volunteers Award for outstanding achievement in emergency management.

Harriet Vickers won seven awards for her work in Public Relations at Copiah-Lincoln Community College at the recent meeting of the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi.

Jessie Everett and Van Lucas are serving as officers in the Newton County Chapter of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association.

Don Laird was recently honored for his work at Northwest Junior High School.

Mr. Cecil Barnett recently attended a reunion in Springfield, MO of his shipmates from the USS Yukon on which he served in World War II.

Angie Breland was the Neshoba Democrat's Cook of the Week for August 21.

The three immediate past presidents of the Mississippi Community College Faculty Association (Shelby Harris, Rachel Ezelle, and Susan Donohue) are all graduates of East Central.

Skip Lathem of Morton High School faculty was recently chosen by the Tandy Corporation and Texas Christian University as an outstanding teacher in the field of mathematics.

Nolan McCann was chosen the STAR teacher for the Sebastopol Attendance Center for 1991.

Christine Mangrum was recently honored on her retirement as Newton County's Home Economist. She had served for 34 years as 4-H Youth Agent and County Home Economist.

Albert Thompson Germany was recently named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

David Chambliss, teacher and coach at Nahih Waiya High School, was recently appointed to the Winston County Journal's Reader Advisory Board.

Larry Driskell was recently appointed new postmaster for the City of Union.

Mike Cooper of Decatur was recently named an "Elder Statesman" at Mississippi State University.

MARRIAGES

Lori Lea Abney to Robert Jason Parkman

Quanita Demetria Anderson to Pedro Demetrice Eatman

Edith Mechelle Barnes to James William McMillan

Pamala Belk to Lee Adams

Teresa Marlene Bell to Carl Andrew Gardner

Jennifer Lynn Boatner to Patrick Wayn Daughtery

Patricia Burnside to Frederick N. Love

Martha Lynn Burton to Douglas Creed McDougal

Lois Lea Chambers to Robert Jason Parkman

Amy Renee Davidson to Ronnie Lee Shepard

Brenda Kay Everett to James Arnold Stamper

Rhonda Sue Fortenberry to Jessie Heath Warren

Vonda G. Fraley to Lloyd Bowen

Dorothy Renee Freemen to Kevin Scott McLemore

Sheila Gardner to Randall Coan

Jennifer Diane Gomillion to James Bryan Norman

Julie Goodwin to Andy Rowzee

Cindy Hall to Paul Payne

Kim Hamil to Carl Eastland Porter

Sherry Renee Hardy to Charles Darron Smith

Martha Jo Henderson to Gregory Alan Vance

Tonya Kay Henry to Thomas Michael Callahan

Tracy Michelle Henley to Randy Reed Kilpatrick

Carol Lee Herrod to Larry Shea Hailey

Lori Lynn Heumier to David Corey McNeil

Gina Denise Hollingsworth to Walter Dayle Gordon

Carolyn Hoskins to Ken McKinney

Jennifer Johnston to Bryan Alexander

Tammy Ann Kirkland to Reginald Scott Shumaker

Rhonda Ledlow to Michael Chandler

Teresa Gail Lepard to Michael Crosby

Sharon Eileen McCown to Timothy Young Hobby

Cheryl Lynne McDill to Dirk Jeffrey Kitchell

Cheryl McGaugh to Mike Jerrell

Heidi Marie McKee to Michael Wayne Dunne

Emilie Dawn McMullan to Jeffrey Lynn Smith

Melinda Lyn McMullan to William Paul Hand

Dusty Michele Mooney to Danny Stuart Kinard

Penny Louise Overstreet to Michael Hunter Vance

Kimberly Pierce to Richard Graham, Jr.

Regina Florence Puckett to John Brandon Herd

Patty Reeves to Scotty Gibson

Linda Jo Reynolds to Shelly Wayne Peoples

Janet Richardson to Steve Triplett

Trishann Renee Rickles to Clinton Keith Doss

Patricia Ann Rives to Kevin James Smith

Carron Renee Thaggard to Kevin Jones

Stacie James Therrell to William Gill Weir

Daphne Vowell to Haley Ward

Denna Warren to Stephen Smith

Lynn Wright to Marcus King

Tonya Ann Woods to John Michael Durham.

More Obituaries

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$11,000. Moody wanted the money to be used for faculty and staff training.

In January, Mr. Moody began working part-time for Hinds Community College in Raymond as executive assistant to President Clyde Muse. He also worked part-time as legislative liaison for the presidents' association.

A resident of Clinton for 19 years, Mr. Moody was an active member of Morrison Heights Baptist Church where he was a Sunday School teacher and choir member.

Survivors include: wife, Mary Lynn; sons, Vaught Moody of Brandon, Todd Moody of Poplarville and Chip Massey of Little Rock, Ark.; daughters, Sheri Jordan of Clinton and Sandi Massey of Jackson; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Moody Institute c/o the State Department of Community Colleges or to the Baptist Children's Village.

Gladys Bryant, Retired BSU Director, Dies

GLADYS G. BRYANT

Funeral services were held July 29, at 1:00 p.m. at Moore Funeral Home Chapel in Hattiesburg for Gladys G. Bryant. Miss Bryant, who was 71, died July 24 at the Hattiesburg Convalescent Center where she had resided since her retirement as director of the Baptist Student Union at East Central.

The Reverend Gary Berry officiated, and interment was in the Providence Cemetery.

Miss Bryant was a native of Sanford, Mississippi and since moving to Hattiesburg, she had been a member of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.

She was a graduate of Mozelle High School, studied for two years at Clarke College in Newton, and graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

For three years she worked with the State Baptist Training Union Department. She served as BSU director at Itawamba Community College for six years and for 30 years was director of the Baptist Student Union at East Central Community College. She retired as East Central's BSU director in June of 1986.

During her years at East Central, she saw a host of young men, including Olen Noll, Ron Myers, Terry Wilkerson, Frank Taylor, and "Bud" Winstead, enter the ministry. Many other students who were active in BSU also decided to devote their lives to religious education, church music, or the mission field while Miss Bryant was active on the campus. She is survived by four brothers, Ford Bryant of Eatonville, Miss.; Ermon H. Bryant of Satellite Beach, Fla.; Bryan W. Bryant of Houston, TX; and Norris R. Bryant of Georgetown, S. C.

A great lady, a dedicated Christian, and a true friend to students will be remembered for many years by all those whose lives she touched while a part of the East Central family.

ECCC

WITH YOU IN MIND

MAKES $1,000 DONATION!

Mrs. Frances (Townsend) Martin, an East Central graduate who now resides in Virginia, recently presented the college with a check for $1,000 which has been designated for the general scholarship fund. Mrs. Martin is shown making the check presentation to Dr. Brad Tucker, former dean of instruction.

Cancer Claimes Madaline Mayes

The death of Madaline Smith Mayes on June 22, 1991, left a gap in the East Central alumni network which will be difficult to fill. A graduate of Newton County Agricultural High School, which was a part of East Central at that time, Mrs. Mayes graduated from East Central and after working for six years at Mississippi State University returned to East Central and served for many years as a secretary in the Registrar's Office.

When she was in her early forties, Mrs. Mayes returned to college, finished her Master's Degree in Elementary Education, while continuing to work full-time as a secretary, and then taught mathematics at Boler Elementary School until ill health forced her retirement in 1989.

Mrs. Mayes is survived by her husband, Thomas R. Mayes, a longtime member of the English faculty at East Central, now retired. The couple had one daughter, Jackie Etie, also an East Central alumna, of Houston, TX.

Other survivors include her father, Oren Smith of Decatur, and a brother, Robert Smith of Brandon.

In commenting on Mrs. Mayes' death, East Central instructor and longtime friend Carol Vickers stated, "It is difficult to measure Madaline's love for East Central and the East Central family. She started work here in 1958 when the college had four secretaries, all of whom were using manual typewriters. Madaline always kept the secretaries chuckling, and she never lost her ability to find humor in almost any situation. She was a good friend and an excellent teacher. She will be greatly missed."

The Mayes family has requested that memorials be made to the Clarke Venable Baptist Church Building Fund or to the Madaline Mayes Memorial Collection in the Newton County Elementary School Library in Decatur.

Alumni:

Please Send Us Your News!

Send To:

Public Information Office

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East Central Community College

Decatur, Miss. 39327

ESTABLISHES ECCC SCHOLARSHIP

Children of the late Fred Preston Dallas and Maudie Threatt Dallas of Philadelphia have established a memorial scholarship in honor of their parents which will be awarded to deserving students from Neshoba County to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Making the scholarship presentation to ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith (fourth from left) are (from left) Edwin Dallas of Chamblee, Georgia; Mrs. Winifred Davis of Enterprise, Mrs. Maurine D. Sims of Meridian, Mrs. Imogene D. Ritenburgh of Montgomery, Alabama; Mrs. Pauline Chadwell of Meridian, Mrs. Jo Hicks of Theodore, Alabama; Delmer W. Dallas of Jacksonville, Florida; and F. Paul Dallas of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Family members have contributed a total of $13,500 to endow the scholarship which will assist deserving graduates of Neshoba Central High School who reside in the southeast quarter of Neshoba County. Seven of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas' eight children attended East Central and family members said the scholarship was established in memory and in honor of their parents for their interest in education.

Dallas Family Establishes Memorial Scholarship At ECCC

Thanks to a generous contribution from the children of a late Philadelphia couple, a college education will be made possible for many outstanding students who reside in Neshoba County.

The Fred Preston Dallas and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship was recently established by family members to assist deserving graduates of Neshoba Central High School who reside in the southeast quarter of Neshoba County to attend East Central Community College. Approval of the fully endowed scholarship was made by the college's Board of Trustees.

"The scholarship has been established and funded by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas in their memory and in honor of their interest in education," said Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. "We are, of course, most appreciative of the Dallas family for their generous contribution in helping deserving students attend East Central Community College," he added.

Dr. Smith said seven of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas' children attended East Central Junior College. All eight participated in the scholarship presentation ceremonies and include Mrs. Imogene D. Ritenburgh of Mongtomery, Alabama; Mrs. Jo Hicks of Theodore, Alabama; Edwin Dallas of Chamblee, Georgia; Mrs. Winifred Davis of Enterprise, Delmer W. Dallas of Jacksonville, Florida; F. Paul Dallas of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Mrs. Maurine D. Sims and Mrs. Pauline Chadwell, both of Meridian.

Family members have initially contributed a total of $13,500.00 to endow the scholarship.

The first scholarship award will be made for the 1992-93 school year. The amount of the award will be $500.00 plus interest in excess of the inflation rate. The first award has been funded by a separate contribution.

In the event that an eligible student is not selected from the designated area during a period of five years, Dr. Smith said any eligible student living in Neshoba or Newton counties may be considered. If an eligible student is not selected from the aforementioned counties, then any eligible student may be considered from the entire community college district.

"Funds available for the scholarship will be the interest earned by the fund in excess of the inflation rate for the previous calendar year. Interest equal to the inflation rate plus any unused interest will be retained and added to the fund principal at the end of the year," said Dr. Smith.

The endowment fund may be increased, from time to time, by appropriate contributions from the founders or from others.

Requirements to be considered for the scholarship include the following guidelines:

1) Scholarship will be available for four consecutive semesters to qualified entering freshmen whose family contributions are from 50 percent to 150 percent of each student's financial aid budget.

2) Person selected must have high moral standards, good character, and must not be a substance abuser.

3) Recipient must have demonstrated the capacity and a strong desire to obtain a college education.

4) ECCC will be required to make high school seniors in the designated area aware of the scholarship.

5) In the event the scholarship is not awarded in any one year, the funds will remain and will be added to the principal.

6) The award will be for students pursuing an academic (university transfer) education only.

7) The scholarship is to be awarded on Awards Day at the appropriate high school.

8) The recipient must show potential for leadership and academic excellence.

9) It is intended that each recipient receive the award for each of four semesters if he (or she) makes a 2.5 grade point average each semester, continues to have a financial need, and has a clear disciplinary record.

10) Funds from this scholarship are to be applied to the education expenses of the recipients, and

11) Recipients are to be selected by the College Scholarship Committee. The freshman recipients will be selected from students recommended by at least four of their senior year high school classroom teachers who agree that the students meet the above requirements.

For additional information contact the Financial Aid Office at East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi 39327 or phone 635-2111, extension 218.

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Thanks to the efforts of college representatives and former East Central athletes, almost $8,000 has been contributed to the Warrior Club, which has been organized to provide financial assistance to the college's sports program. Along with providing financial needs, club members are also encouraged to attend athletic events, purchase season tickets and help raise funds from within the membership in order to improve or upgrade athletic facilities and equipment. Serving as officers for 1991 are (seated from left) Earl Marshall of Clinton, Warrior Club founder and at-large representative; Patsy Clark of Louisville, president-elect; Lois Cooper of Decatur, district representative; Lucille Wood of East Central, past president; Gary Risher of Forest, president; and (standing from left) district representatives Kermit Carpenter of Forest and Ken Gordon of Morton; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; A. J. Kilpatrick, East Central athletic coordinator-head football coach; and district representatives Jack Thames of Newton and Fred Kirkland of Philadelphia. Contributions are tax deductible and can be made payable to The Warrior Club, P.O. Box 50, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327. For additional information contact the college's public information office.

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Academic All-American!

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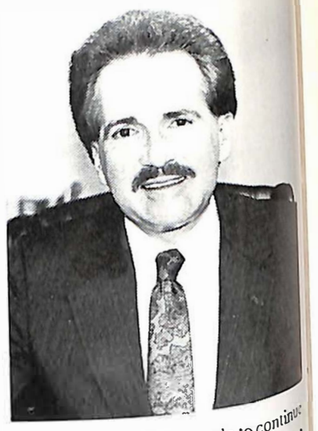
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On The Cover: From left, sophomores Amy Fussell and Chad Fieber, both of Louisville, and Ginger Buckley of Columbus, formerly of Enterprise.

From The President's Desk



East Central Community College continues to move forward through the nineties. As with all entities funded by our local, state, and federal government, your community college is experiencing the negative effects of the recession. Budget reductions necessitated by shortfalls in local and state revenue have caused us to have to cut back on our operations to such a point that it has become extremely difficult for us to provide the many educational services that we seek to provide.

This does not mean that East Central will discontinue such services. Through the commitment of dedicated administrators, faculty, and staff, every effort will be made to continue the educational services our college now provides. East Central is truly a comprehensive community college, and it is our aim to continue to carry out the many comprehensive functions with which we have become identified.

East Central will continue, as it always has, to serve as a cultural and recreational center for the area it serves by offering a broad range of programs to enrich life in the community and encourage creative expression in music, dance, theater arts, visual arts, sports, and recreation.

The college will also continue to serve the community by offering opportunities for mental, physical, and emotional development through a comprehensive program which includes the best instruction possible in academic, vocational, and technical education.

Although the college will make every effort to continue its role as an institution dedicated to providing a wide range of services to the people of its supporting counties, it is now evident that the alumni are in position to play an even greater role in the support of the college than ever before.

Each East Central graduate is needed as a contact person to encourage members of the state House of Representatives and the Senate to support legislation to provide adequate appropriations for financing Mississippi's community and junior colleges.

The time has come when political and financial support from the alumni and friends of East Central are essential if the college is to continue the scope and depth of services that it has traditionally offered to the community.

For over sixty years East Central has continued to build a reputation for excellence. In the future that reputation will continue to be maintained; but with the recent cuts in appropriations for community colleges, it is going to take a concerted effort by students, faculty, administration, alumni and friends to maintain the superior educational programs and continued services to the community that have always made East Central outstanding among the state's community colleges.

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East Central Guarantees Credit Transfer, Job Competency

East Central is taking its slogan, "With You In Mind," to an entirely new level.

The college has recently adopted a policy of guaranteeing its degrees and certificates and will further certify that students who receive skills training are competent to perform those skills, according to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Dr. Smith praised the special program and said there has been a "great need" for some time to draw attention to the fact that the state's community and junior colleges are quality institutions delivering superior services to their students and the communities they serve.

Dr. Smith said that leaders of the state's community and junior colleges are "very confident" that the academic, technical, and vocational training needs are being fulfilled for their constituents.

"That's why the guarantee program has been established," he said.

Under the new policy approved by the college's Board of Trustees at its December 1991 meeting, Dr. Smith said East Central, along with the state's other community and junior colleges, will "guarantee" to its academic graduates and other students who have met the requirements of a 64 credit hour transfer plan the transferability of course credits to those Mississippi colleges or universities which cooperate in the development of community college selection guidelines. If such courses are rejected by the college or university, the student may take tuition-free alternate courses at the specific Mississippi community college which are acceptable to the college or university.

Dr. Smith said special conditions which apply to the guarantee are as follows:

1. Transferability means the acceptance of credit toward a specific major and degree. Courses must be identified by the receiving university and the community college as transferrable and acceptable under previous agreements by both the community college and four-year college or university.

2. Limitations on the total number of credits accepted in transfer, grades required, relevant grade point

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Accreditation Reaffirmed at ECCC

East Central Community College has satisfactorily completed its Institutional Self-Study Program and the college's accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, according to an announcement made by James T. Rogers, the commissions's executive director.

In a letter dated January 15, 1992 and sent to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, Rogers congratulated the administration, faculty, and staff on receiving reaffirmation of accreditation. No follow-up reporting was required of East Central for the reaffirmation of its accreditation.

Dr. Smith said Raymond McMullan, the college's Director of Admissions, Records, and Research, did a "superior" job as director of the institutional self-study which took over a year to complete.

The college president said that self-study and reaffirmation is a process in which each member institution must undergo every 10 years in order to remain accredited. He said the procedure ensures that an institution meets minimum standards of quality and that it effectively fulfills its educational purposes.

"The overall purpose of the self-study and the reaffirmation of accreditation process is to enhance institutional effectiveness at the college," said Dr. Smith.

McMullan, who offered words of praise for the various committee chairpersons and members for their assistance in completing the lengthy process, said the self-study involved a "systematic, honest, intensive, and comprehensive self-evaluation of the college's strengths and weaknesses."

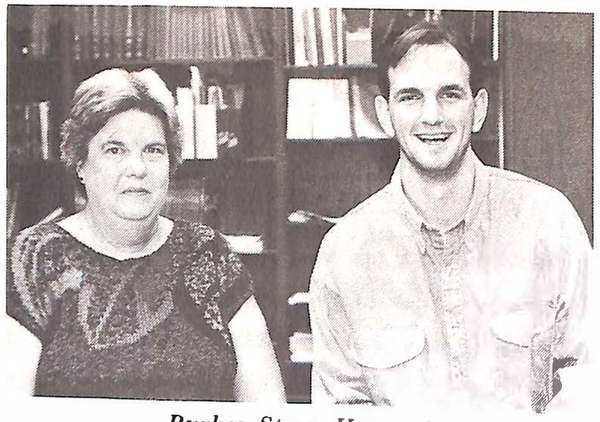
He added, "The self-study presented all the information necessary for the institution and for the peer review committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the college in fulfilling its goals and purpose."

McMullan said broad-based participation was utilized in the self-study which provided each individual in the East Central Community College system and educational community the opportunity to assess the planning and evaluation process necessary for continued improvement of quality education.

The Commission in Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is headquartered in Decatur, Georgia.

ECCC's Academic All-American!

East Central Community College sophomore Tam Cooper of Decatur has been named to the Academic All-American First Team for Community, Technical and Junior Colleges and is shown with college officials following the awards presentation held in Phoenix, Arizona. Cooper is the only Mississippian to receive the prestigious honor for 1991-92, which includes a $2,500 check to attend the university of her choice. The annual recognition program is sponsored by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, USA Today and Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. Pictured with Cooper, a math education major who has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average, are (from left) Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Mrs. Ann Burke and Dr. Shelby Harris, PTK advisors. Cooper, daughter of Mrs. Lois Cooper and the late Carl Cooper of Decatur is the second ECCC student to receive the academic award, which was presented to Cay Clark of Chunky last year.

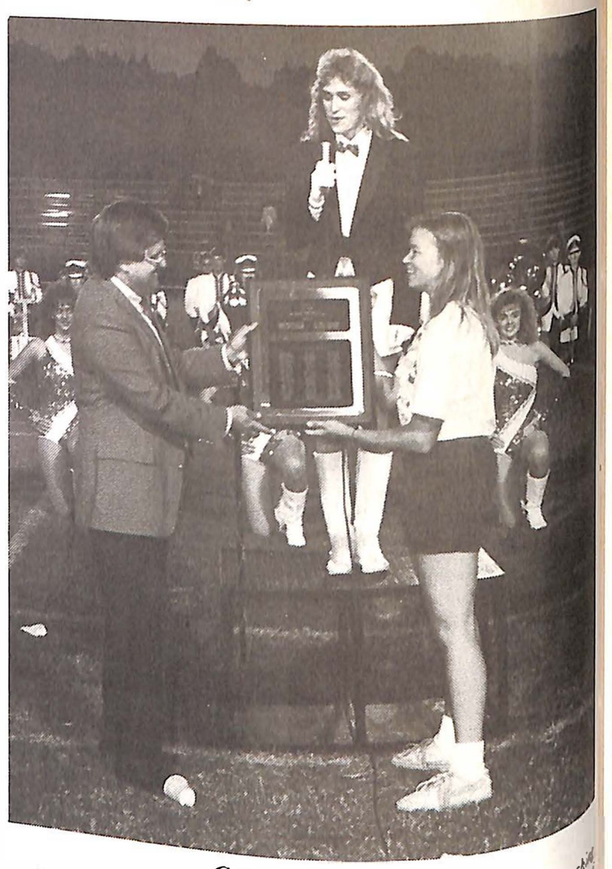


Burkes, Strum Honored

Librarian Mrs. Ann Burkes, who serves as sponsor of East Central's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for community and junior college students, and sophomore Matt Strum of Carthage, received special recognition last fall from the prestigious organization. Mrs. Burkes, who shares responsibilities for the campus chapter with Dr. Shelby Harris, was selected outstanding regional advisor, representing the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. Strum, a Leake Academy graduate who serves as chapter president, was selected to the order of the Golden Key, the highest honor that can be achieved by a Phi Theta Kappan in the two-state region. Only one student per chapter can be selected for the honor, which is based on the member's contributions in the society's hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION
(Spring, 1992)

	1992	1991
Academic full-time	543	518
Technical full-time	151	179
Vocational full-time	139	152
Total full-time	833	849
Academic part-time	446	391
Technical part-time	54	75
Total part-time	500	466
Total Student Enrollment	1333	1315



Carson Honored

Band director Thomas W. Carson was surprised during the marching band's final halftime performance for 1991 when drum major Kim Griffin of Decatur (center) and manager Chris Edwards of Philadelphia presented him with a plaque of appreciation from all the college band members. Carson, an ECCC alumnus who was selected the college's Academic Instructor of the Year for 1991, has served 10 years as band director and music instructor on the Decatur campus. The presentation was made during halftime ceremonies of the college's season ending football game with Northeast Mississippi Community College on October 31, 1991.

More Credit Transfer, Job Competency

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average, and duration of transferability apply as stated in previous agreements between community colleges and four-year colleges and universities.

3. The guarantee applies to courses included in the written transfer plan -- which includes the institution to which the student will transfer, the baccalaureate major and the degree sought, and the date such decision was made -- which must be filed with the appropriate official of the community college.

The Guarantee Program also certifies that students receiving skill training are competent in those skills.

Dr. Smith said if a technical or vocational graduate is judged by his/her employer to be lacking in technical job skills identified as exit competencies for his/her specific degree program, the graduate will be provided up to nine tuition-free credit hours of additional skill training by the community college district under the conditions of the guarantee policy.

Special conditions which apply to the guarantee are as follows:

1. The graduate must have earned a degree or certificate for a course listed in the current community college catalog.

2. The graduate must have completed his course work within a four-year time span.

3. Graduates must be employed full-time in an area directly related to the area of program concentration as certified by the vice president of dean of instruction.

4. Employment must commence within 12 months of graduation.

5. The employer must certify in writing that the employee is lacking entry-level skills identified by the community college as the employee's program competencies and must specify the areas of deficiency within 90 days of the graduate's initial employment.

6. The employer, graduate, division dean, job placement counselor, and appropriate faculty member will develop a written educational plan for retraining.

7. Retraining will be limited to nine credit hours related to the identified skill deficiency and to those classes regularly scheduled during the period covered by the retraining program.

8. All retraining must be completed within a calendar year from the time the educational plan is agreed upon.

9. The graduate and/or employer is responsible for the cost of books, insurance, uniforms, fees, and other course related expenses.

10. The guarantee does not imply that the graduate will pass any licensing or qualifying examination for a particular career.

11. Students' sole remedy against the district and its employees for skill deficiencies shall be limited to nine credit hours of tuition-free education under conditions described above.

12. The program can be initiated through a written contract with the office of the college president.

For additional information contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi 39327 or phone 635-2121, extension 206.

Beauties, Beaus

Beauties and beaus selected during pageant activities held last fall include (from left) Shea Sellers of Meridian, Bo Barry of Union, Wendy Ellis of Carthage, Chris Bright of Lena, Most Beautiful Christina Wood of Decatur, Most Handsome Trampas Amedee of St. Amant, Louisiana; Lori Rogers of Walnut Grove, Brian Lambert of Fort Myers, Florida; Julie Pair of Philadelphia and Clark Reynolds of Union.

Faculty Members Honored

These faculty members received special recognition last fall during the 1991 statewide Lamplighter Program held at Hinds Community College in Raymond. The annual observance pays tribute to those instructors who have made significant contributions to the educational programs of the institutions they represent. From left are Mrs. Alic Pouncey, psychology instructor; Mrs. Lois McMullan, mathematics instructor; Mrs. Michele Ergle, business technology instructor; and Bruce Guraedy, art instructor.

We Get Letters

Mr. Ovid Vickers
East Central Community College
Decatur, Miss. 39327

Dear Mr. Vickers,

Happy Holidays! It's a little early for such greetings, I know, but if I don't do this now another year will pass, and another, and another.

I have been thinking of East Central for the last couple of months. My husband bought a new CD with movie themes of the 50s-60s, and the one that evokes all these images is "Summer Place." I can just see the student center, the jukebox, and the center floor filled with students dancing.

For years I kept up a Christmas card correspondence with Miss Una Harris but haven't heard from her for a couple of years now. (Ed. Note: Miss Harris is in her nineties and is in a nursing home in Johnson City, Tennessee.) And, I hear from my friend Patsy Cumberland periodically, who keeps me posted on the Agnew girls from Morton. My brother, Charles, who also graduated from East Central, continues to teach at the University of Montevallo at Montevallo, Alabama. In fact, he sent me my last East Central info---a magazine which I found most informative, called *The Warrior*.

We're still in Chapel Hill. After years of being an urban researcher, my husband switched over to the academic side and is now a professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning. I've been working for the University part-time for the last 16-17 years in editorial positions and am currently assistant editor of the University newsletter. We've lived in Chapel Hill for so long (26 years) that it really is home, and we've developed quite an extended family over the years.

I have such warm memories of those years when I was a student at East Central. I hope this finds you and those I knew at the college in good health and good spirits.

Fondly,
Nan Harbour Burley
315 Granville Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Mr. Bubby Johnston
Public Information Director
East Central Community College
Decatur, Miss. 39327

Dear Bubby;

ECJC was my ticket to the good life. My only goal in life was to be a veterinarian, a lofty ambition at the time with no high school science background. Thanks to Leatherwood, Cross and Vincent I made it. The State of Mississippi, while behind in many areas, was on top with the junior college system. Thanks to L.O. Todd, ECJC was better than most of them.

It was interesting to see poor students jump a grade point when transferring to senior college. I am amazed at the accomplishments of so many people who went through EC. The ability of the instructors to get poorly prepared students to learn was the wonder of the institution. Surely the State of Miss. gets its best tax return for education from the now Community College system.

Here is $100.00 for where ever you may want to put it. Keep sending *The Warrior*, because someday I want to come to a class reunion.

Yours truly
Robert G. McCrory

Dr. Eddie M. Smith
President
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327-0129

Dear Mr. Smith:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your institution has satisfactorily completed the Institutional Self-Study Program and that its accreditation was reaffirmed by the Commission on Colleges at its meeting on December 5, 1991. We congratulate you, your faculty, and staff on this attainment. No follow-up report is requested at this time.

We appreciate your participation in the activities of the Commission and hope you will call on us whenever we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
James T. Rogers
Executive Director
Commission on Colleges

Mr. Bubby Johnston
East Central Community College
Decatur, Miss. 39327

Dear Bubby,

Thank you for the recent copy of *The Warrior*. I enjoy reading each issue. Although I didn't attend ECCC and don't live in the area, I recognize a lot of friends that are included in each issue. Keep up the good work. You truly are an asset to the college.

Toby Tyler
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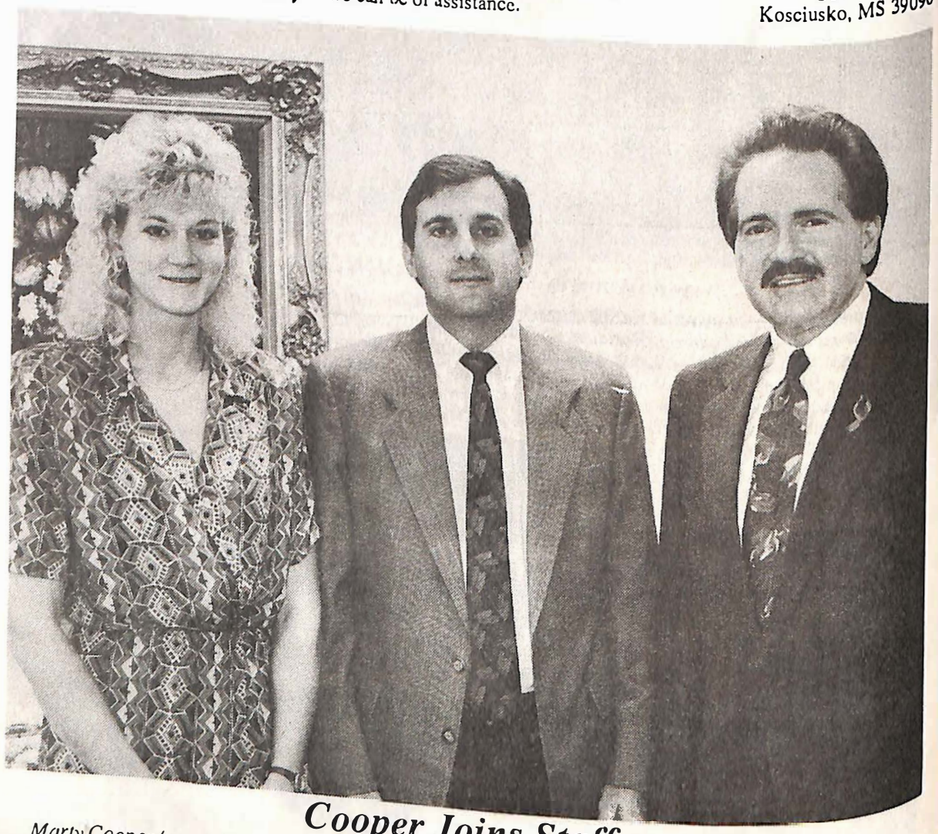


Cooper Joins Staff

Marty Cooper (center) took over the men's basketball program last fall and guided the Warriors to the South Division Tournament championship en route to an impressive 28-5 record for the 1991-92 campaign. The Warriors were also state tournament runners-up and advanced to semi-final action of the Region 23 Tournament. For providing such effective leadership, Cooper was selected Outstanding Men's Basketball "Coach of the Year" by Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Coaches. Cooper, a former resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, is shown with his wife, Jennifer, and Dr. Eddie M. Smith during a reception held to welcome the couple to the Decatur campus. Cooper previously served as an assistant men's basketball coach at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and Armstrong State College in Savannah, Georgia. He succeeded Jay Bowen who resigned to become an assistant men's basketball coach at Georgia State University.

Over 700 Attend ECCC's 'Senior Day'

Approximately 750 area high school students attended "Senior Day" activities held Thursday, March 19, 1992 on the Decatur campus, according to Dr. Gerald White, dean of students.

Dr. White said the annual event began with registration procedures followed by a special program held in Huff Auditorium. The visiting seniors were welcomed by Dr. Eddie M. Smith and Student Body Association President Chad Harrison of Union. Entertainment during the program was provided by the jazz band and winners of the spring semester talent show who included vocalists Rachel McCool of Louisville and Maria Leach and Greg McGarrity, both of Sebastopol.

Following the program, advisor sessions were held which provided students an opportunity to meet with instructors representing the college's academic, technical, and vocational areas.

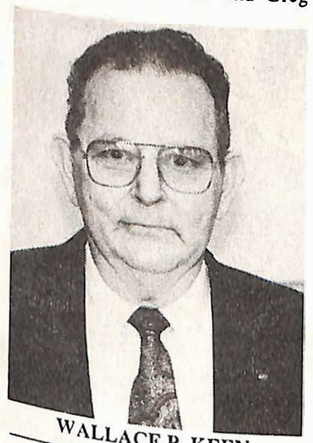
Students were later treated to a "cookout" on the East Mall area which featured hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream sundaes.

Perhaps the highlight of the day's activities was a concert given by The Collegians, East Central's vocal-instrumental pop group.

Dr. White said "Senior Day" is just one of the many activities planned each year by the Recruitment and Retention Task Force. Other activities include: (1) at least two visits to every high school located in the five-county district (2) "Be Our Guests Night" held during a home football game (3) workshops held on campus for district high school principals (4) at least two visits by college counselors to evening class locations within the five-county district (5) frequent contacts with each district high school senior and (6) numerous other activities.

"We are all very hard at work in our attempt to recruit and retain students, but we also need help from our alumni. Many of you come into contact with potential students or family and friends of potential students every day. When this happens, please encourage those students to enroll at East Central. Just a simple positive word from you might make a great deal of difference in our enrollment total for next fall. I would like to add in advance that anything you can say or do to influence potential students to attend East Central will be greatly appreciated," said Dr. White.

For additional information about recruiting and other student activities, contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327 or Phone 635-2111, extension 205.



WALLACE P. KEEN

Resolution Honors Former Instructor

A resolution paying tribute to Wallace P. Keen, who retired as Automated Manufacturing Technology instructor in December, 1991, was approved by the college's Board of Trustees and presented to the former faculty member following the 1991 fall term.

The resolution, signed by Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville and ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen who served as a valued member of the faculty at East Central Community College for the past eight and one-half years tendered his resignation effective December 20, 1991, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen was a faculty member in the vocational-technical division of East Central Community College and always worked within this division in a spirit of helpfulness and cooperation, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen prepared himself for teaching by earning the BS degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and by completing additional work at Mississippi State University, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen further prepared himself for teaching by participating in numerous workshops and training programs, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen accumulated extensive work experience in his area of expertise at the Philco Corporation and the IBM Corporation prior to his employment with East Central Community College, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen directed the implementation of the electronic technology program at East Central Community College, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen coordinated the implementation of the automated manufacturing technology program at East Central Community College, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen was selected the outstanding vocational-technical instructor of the year by the East Central Community College Alumni Association in 1990, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen directed the networking of computer controlled equipment in the drafting technology, precision machining technology, and the automated manufacturing technology programs, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace P. Keen served as coordinator of computer acquisitions for the vocational-technical division.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College expresses its appreciation to Mr. Wallace P. Keen and gratefully acknowledges his many contributions to the institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be given to Mr. Wallace P. Keen.

ADOPTED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1991.

EC Basketball Teams Post Winning Campaigns

Good basketball and East Central have gone hand in hand for many years. The 1991-92 season was no exception. The Lady Warriors under head coach Sammy Pace and the Warrior men's team under first year head coach Marty Cooper, both completed the seasons with appearances in the Region XXIII tournament; the Warriors advanced in the tournament to the semi-final round before being defeated in a nerve-wracking double overtime game.

The Warriors compiled an impressive 28-5 record for the year which included participation in the championship game of the South State Tournament. East Central faced Gulf Coast Community College for the third time this season, but an outstanding defensive effort and an offense which saw all five starters scoring in the double-digit range, helped East Central pull out the win for the South State Championship.

Coach Marty Cooper commented, "The team really has a great work ethic, particularly my five sophomores. They adjusted really well to my coming in right before the season opened, and I'm really proud of the hard work and cooperation they've displayed." The 1991-92 squad posted the best record of any East Central team since the 1955 squad. All five sophomores have received senior college offers which at present are being considered.

Coach Sammy Pace, now in his seventh year as head coach of the Lady Warriors, was pleased with the play of his current squad. "The girls played with a lot of heart; they always gave 100% in practice and on the court," he said. "I was very proud of

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McMullan, Flint Selected Outstanding Teacher, Student

Mrs. Lois McMullan and sophomore Nicole Flint of Philadelphia were selected the college's outstanding teacher and student, respectively, for the 1991-92 school year and were honored during the annual HEADWAE program sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature.

The special observance, known as Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence, was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

Mrs. McMullan, a math instructor with 29 years of experience, began her career at Newton High School in 1962. After two years' service at Newton, she taught math at Decatur High School for six years and twice was named STAR Teacher.

She began her career at East Central in 1970 where she currently teaches courses in college algebra, trigonometry, and differential equations.

She also sponsors the student mathematics organization, Mu Alpha Theta, and serves as chairman of the Homecoming Queen and Court Committee.

In addition, Mrs. McMullan is active in various organizations. She is a past president of the Decatur Women's Progressive Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the ECCC Faculty Club. She has served as secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association and as East Central's representative to the Mississippi Association of Women in Higher Education.

She is a member of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, where she has served as Sunday School teacher, G.A. leader, and choir member.

Mrs. McMullan has been the recipient of numerous honors in recognition of her outstanding teaching career.

She was chosen East Central's Academic Instructor of the Year for 1990 and was an award recipient in the 1991 Lamplighter Program which recognizes outstanding community and junior college teachers.

A graduate of Union High School, Mrs. McMullan attended East Central Junior College and received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College. She obtained a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and has completed additional coursework at USM and Mississippi State University.

She is married to Raymond McMullan who is East Central's Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

Flint, daughter of Janice Ryles and Tom Flint of Philadelphia, is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School.

While a student at Neshoba Central, she was a scholar athlete, homecoming maid, math award winner, Wal-Mart Scholar, class officer for four years, and student council member for two years.

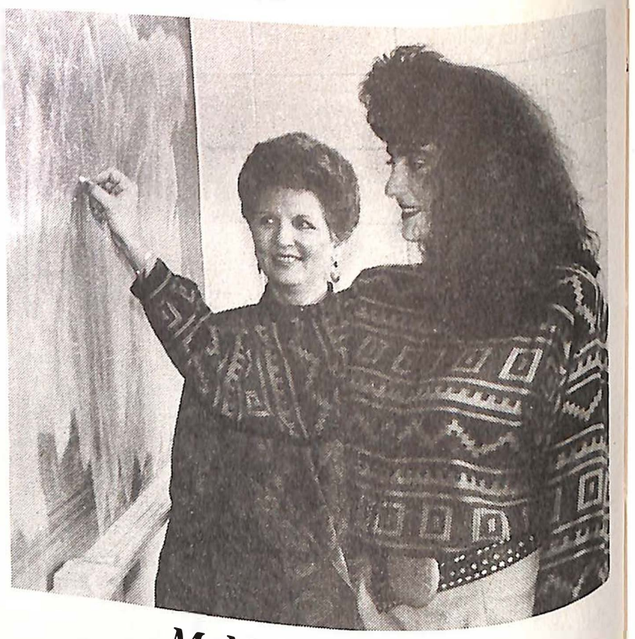
Flint is a pre-dental major at East Central where she has completed 37 semester hours and maintained a 3.811 grade point average.

She also participates in various campus activities.

She is a member of the Lady Warrior basketball team and serves as president of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, treasurer of Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and secretary of the Warrior Corps.

Flint has also been selected for inclusion in WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES.

Special ceremonies were held in February, 1992 in honor of the state's outstanding teachers and students representing all institutions of higher learning.



McMullan, Flint

Math instructor Mrs Lois McMullan looks on as sophomore Nicole Flint of Philadelphia solves a trigonometry problem during a recent class meeting. The two were chosen the college's outstanding teacher and student, respectively, for the 1991-92 school year and were recognized during the annual HEADWAE program, sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature.

More Basketball Teams

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the leadership displayed by the sophomores on the squad. We also had a great effort by several freshmen on the team, and we are looking forward to working with them next year."

The Lady Warriors wound up the season with a final record of 14-12. The squad had only four returnees from the previous season, but sophomores Nicole Flint, Amy Apperson, and Susan Williams joined the team and contributed some valuable playing time.

Commenting on the success of this year's team, Pace commented, "Attitude. The girls worked hard, and I really think they were fun to watch. Their attitudes spilled over to the crowds, and I think we had the largest crowds this year of any season since I've been coaching at East Central. The fans were supportive, and I think they left feeling they got their money's worth. This was not the best record of any team I've coached here, but it was one of the best groups to work with."

Recruiting efforts are underway for next year, and both coaches are confident that some excellent players will be wearing the black and gold uniforms of East Central in the fall of 1992.

Collegians Prepare For Texas Performance

For the third straight year, the Collegians, East Central's vocal-instrumental pop group, have been invited to perform at a major theme park.

This year the talented musicians have scheduled a concert appearance at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington. The group's performance will take place on May 23, 1992.

Previously, the Collegians entertained at Six Flags Over Georgia and at Disney World.

Funds for each trip have been provided by group members who have raised monies through concerts, car washes, and other activities.

The Collegians are directed by Thomas W. Carson, who also plays rhythm guitar in the group.

Group members includes vocalists Susan McLauchlin of Carthage; Lisa Thompson of Louisville, King Shirley of Forest, Keith Johnson of Chunky, David Campbell of Decatur, and Kirk Weems of Newton; Tina Davis of Newton, keyboards; Sid McNeil of Decatur, trumpet; Mark Branning of Philadelphia, bass guitar; Jay Fortenberry of Philadelphia, trombone; Tommy Denson of

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ROGER C. BURKES

Burkes Joins ECCC Faculty

Roger C. Burkes of Decatur has joined the East Central staff as an instructor of Automated Manufacturing Technology.

Burkes, who began his new duties in January, 1992, succeeded Wallace P. Keen who resigned in November, 1991 following over eight years service on the Decatur campus.

Prior to being named to his present position, Burkes served as Coordinator of Safety and Training for Hydro Aluminum Bohn in Puckett. In all, Burkes has 16 years of industrial experience as a machinist, machine shop supervisor, and coordinator of safety and training. He also has five years of secondary teaching experience in the field of mathematics, physics, and chemistry.

Burkes received an Associate in Arts degree from East Central Junior College in 1962 and later attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics education. He also holds a Master's degree in chemistry from the University of Mississippi.

He is married to Ann Burkes, who serves as the college's head librarian.

Musical Performers

A "musical trip down memory lane" occurred on stage at the Fine Arts Center auditorium as the ECCC Players presented "The 1940's Radio Hour" April 1-4. Cast members included (seated from left) Penny Rogers, Walnut Grove; Mark Branning, Philadelphia; and (standing from left) J. C. Howell and Lori Rogers both of Walnut Grove; David Ezell, Union; Rochelle Sparkman, Carthage; Kirk Weems, Newton; Dewayne Pickens, Union; Nick Pouncey, Decatur; Rachel McCool, Louisville; Barney Comans, Sebastopol; Richard Lake, Hickory; David Campbell, Decatur; Chris Dickerson, Tunica; and Maria Leach, Sebastopol. Comans was unable to participate in the musical production and was replaced by Gene Prisock of Decatur. The musical was directed by Judy Carroll, the college's drama instructor.

Remembering 'Miss Janie'

Her friends called her Miss Janie; the students who liked her called her Mrs. Sullivan, and those who were not in her good graces called her "Aunt Janie."

MRS. JANIE SULLIVAN

Mrs. Sullivan was a formidable woman. Some years before the establishment of East Central Junior College, she had come to Decatur to teach in the Old Newton County Agricultural High School. After the college was founded, Mrs. Sullivan joined the college faculty and until her retirement in 1956, she was a lady who wore many hats.

In addition to teaching a full schedule, Mrs. Sullivan managed the bookstore, directed the YWCA, led evening vespers and morning watch, decorated for all programs, assisted with the supervision of a dormitory, and found time, because she was an avid basketball fan, to attend almost every game. Her love of basketball was so great that, although she did not drive, she kept a car so students could drive her to the off-campus games.

If a student was making an earnest effort to acquire an education and was serious, Mrs. Sullivan would help that student in any way she could, even to the point of loaning him money or helping hem pay his tuition. On the other hand, the lazy individual who was attending college to keep from going to work, or to take advantage of the social life a college campus offers, need not ask her for the time of day.

Even though she was a true disciplinarian and had little tolerance for frivolity, Mrs. Sullivan would, on occasion, join in a prank or do her part to promote a humorous situation. One night while Lucille Wood was a student at East Central, she stepped into a shower stall, turned on the water, and began taking a shower. While Lucille was in the stall, some other

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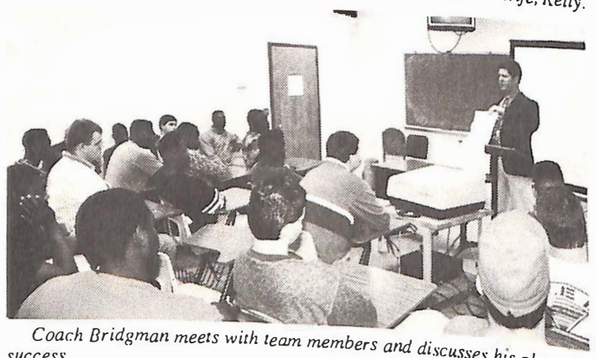
Bridgman Takes Over Warrior Football Program

New Warrior head football coach Reese A. Bridgman and his wife, Kelly.



Coach Bridgman meets with team members and discusses his plans for success.

A new era in Warrior football began in February, 1992 when the college's Board of Trustees approved the selection of Reese A. Bridgman as head coach.

Bridgman, 29, previously served four years as an assistant at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. During the 1988 and 1989 seasons, Southeastern won the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference championship and was the leading defensive team in the country. Bridgman's main area of responsibility included coaching linebackers during the title seasons and receivers for the 1990 and 1991 campaigns.

Before joining the Southeastern Oklahoma State staff, Bridgman served as an assistant at Georgia Southwestern College and East Texas State University. He also has high school coaching experience, as he served as an assistant at Petal High School and Hattiesburg Preparatory School.

Along with his football coaching duties, the new Warrior head mentor has extensive experience as a strength and conditioning coach, an instructor of health and physical education, recruiter, tennis coach, and coach of track and field.

Bridgman, a former State Director (Oklahoma) for the National Strength and Conditioning Association, currently serves as director of and speaker for Strength and Conditioning Clinics at the local, state, and national level. In addition, he is a consultant and writer in the strength and conditioning area.

He is a graduate of Tylertown High School, Southwest Mississippi Junior College, University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in Athletic Administration and Coaching; and East Texas State University, where he received a master's degree in Physical Education. He has also completed additional studies in Physical Education at East Texas State University.

Bridgman is married to the former Kelly Coley of Rockwell, Texas. Before coming to the Decatur campus, she directed "Fitnessgram," a youth fitness testing program at the Cooper Institute of Aerobic Research in Dallas.

Bridgman said he and his wife are "most appreciative" to the East Central "family" for making them feel "right at home" on the Decatur campus. He said he looks forward to his new role as head football coach and promises the team will be "exciting" to watch. He also welcomes input from alumni and other supporters and encourages everyone to attend Warrior football games.

More Miss Janie

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girls came into the shower and began talking and laughing in a boisterous manner. Knowing the girls could not see her, Lucille said, "This is Mrs. Sullivan, and you girls better lower your voices." At that moment a voice from another shower stall said, "No, it isn't. Mrs. Sullivan is in here."

Often a student's first encounter with Mrs. Sullivan could be a shattering experience because of some statement she would make. Raymond McMullan, who graduated as the Valedictorian of his graduating class at Stratton and is today East Central's Director of Admissions, Records and Research, remembers that when he went through the registration line as an entering freshman at East Central, Mrs. Sullivan stopped him and said, "I know you are Fred McMullan's brother, and I want you to know that you are not going to ride through my classes on Fred's coattail." Fred McMullan, needless to say, had been one of Mrs. Sullivan's favorite students.

College teachers, or teachers anywhere for that matter, have never been able to have a classroom for their exclusive use. Mrs. Sullivan was the exception. She had a classroom at East Central in which only her classes met. The room remained locked unless she was holding class, and the students always had to stand in the hall until she arrived to unlock the door and let them in. The classroom had been furnished in 1928, and thirty years later the furnishings of the room were in mint condition. If a student marked on a desk, he failed. Her method of keeping the room in perfect condition was that simple.

Flowers were Mrs. Sullivan's passion. She grew flowers and shrubs in an area on the campus known then as Sullivan Park. Many of the trees and shrubs she planted are alive today. Some people are remembered by the words they said; others are remembered for their good deeds. Mrs. Sullivan is best remembered each spring when the white dogwood she planted bursts into bloom and brightens a corner of the East Central campus.

More Collegians

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Newton, sax; Vince Brown of Meridian, sax; Jeremy Burson of Union, lead guitar; and Jay Pippin of Newton, drums.

Technicians are Chris Edwards and Michael Duke, both of Philadelphia; Diego Velasco of Union and Tommy Farley of Columbus.

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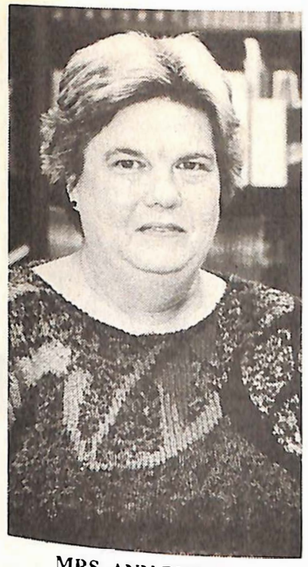


MRS. ANN BURKES

Burkes Receives Phi Theta Kappa Honor

Another honor has been bestowed upon Mrs. Ann Burkes, head librarian at East Central Community College, for her work with Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for community and junior college students.

Mrs. Burkes, who serves with Dr. Shelby Harris as Theta Xi chapter advisor at East Central, was named a recipient of the Giles Distinguished Advisor Award. The award, given annually to only 15 advisors nationwide, was presented to Mrs. Burkes at the National Phi Theta Kappa Convention held in Washington, D. C. March 24-29, 1992.

Selection of the honor is based on involvement in chapter activities and service to PTK on the local, regional, and international levels. The award is also based on the advisor's contribution to the growth experience of individual members, support of the chapter, and role as an advocate of the chapter on campus. Mrs. Burkes was selected from over 1600 advisors to receive the prestigious honor.

Mrs. Burkes was the recipient of another PTK award which was presented to her last fall. She was selected the outstanding regional advisor for the international honor society, representing all chapters in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Also receiving an award at the national convention was East Central alumna June Bailey, PTK advisor at Gulf Coast Community College, Jeff Davis campus, who was presented the Distinguished Regional Coordinators award. Ms. Bailey was on of two advisors to receive the honor, which is presented to outstanding regional coordinators in recognition of their encouragement in promoting fellowship and continuity, assistance in planning and staging regional meetings, and orientation, motivation and direction provided chapter advisors and regional officers. The East Central chapter was among those nominating Ms. Bailey for the national award.

HOMECOMING '91

Blount Family Recognized

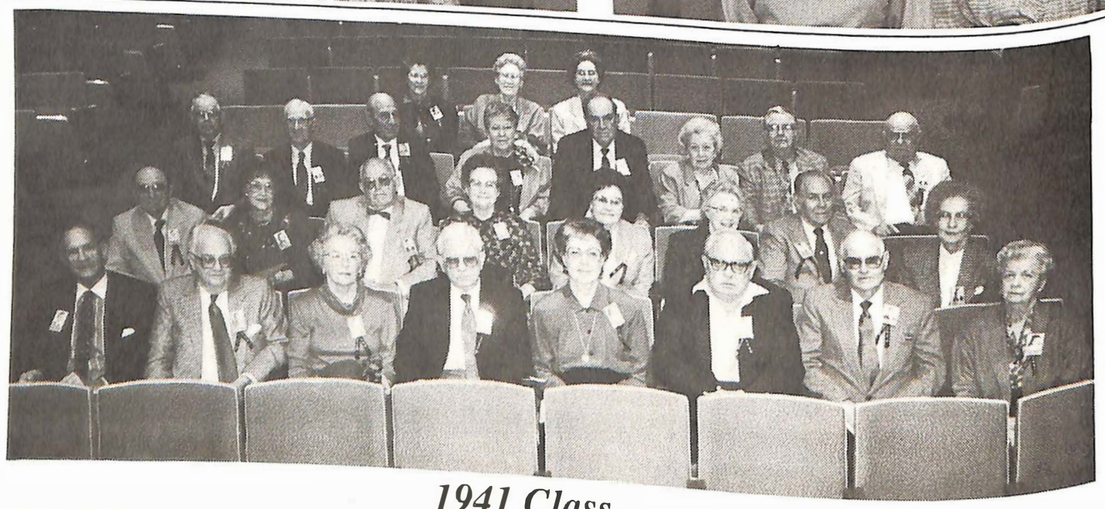
The Blount family was recognized at the awards luncheon as having the largest alumni family group in attendance. Family members include (seated from left) Mrs. Odessa (Barfoot) Cooper of Carthage, Mrs. Viola (Murray) Blount, Mrs. Louis (Blount) Cooper and Lamar Blount, all of Decatur; and (standing from left) Mrs. Diane (Cooper) Jones of Carthage, Mrs. Teresa (Heflin) Blount of Union, Tam Cooper, Mike Cooper and Clarence Blount, all of Decatur; Mrs. Carole (Blount) Leach of Clinton, Robert Blount of Union, Mrs. Naomi (Foster) Blount of Decatur, and Edward Leach of Clinton. Also in attendance but not pictured are Mrs. Joyce (Blount) Pearson and Percy Pearson of Decatur.

'61 Class Members

These 1961 graduates observed their 30th class reunion during the annual Homecoming celebration and include (seated from left) Betty (Stuart) Kilgore, Philadelphia; Peggy (Lewis) Booth, Morton; Pat (Flint) Mioton, Philadelphia; Doris (Earley) Modjeski, Edwards; and (standing from left) Robert (Bob) Boggan, Hickory; James H. (Sonny) Graham and Richard Clark, both of Philadelphia; Lois (Foster) McMullan, Decatur; and Johnny Walton, Pascagoula.

1951 Class

Members of the 1951 graduating class who observed their 40th class reunion included (front row from left) Lucille Wood of Louisville and ECCC, Charlotte (Wells) Brackeen of Ridgeland, Ruth (Richie) Carter of Philadelphia, Louis (Smith) Chaney of Pearl, and (back row from left) Phillip Hutton Hardy of Jackson, Major General Denver Brackeen of Ridgeland, and Bill Chaney of Pearl.



1941 Class

Members of the 1941 class who were honored on their 50th class reunion included (first row from left) Charles "Sonny" Jordan, Decatur; Lamar Triplett, Hoskinsville, Kentucky; Mary Alice Petty Reese, Cleveland; Davis Scott, Meridian; Elizabeth Dumas Stone and Herd E. Stone, both of Holly Grove, Arkansas; Pruitt Lee, Louisville; Dot Summers Doolittle, Brookhaven; second row from left) Jack Blount, Philadelphia; Enez Clay Hollis, Carthage; Miller Petty, Bells, Tennessee; Mary Phillips Robinson, Jackson; Myrtis Burkes Richardson, Philadelphia; Jean Johnson Carnes, Starkville; Bennett Alford, Kosciusko; Lillian Hellen Hicks, Tupelo; (third row from left) Charles McMullan, Jackson; Jack Griffin, Starkville; Eley Miller, Carthage; Ettie Frances Carter Walsh, Fort Myers, Florida; D. C. Alford, Carthage; Joyce Rogers McLean, Meridian; Clarence Verell Mitchell, Philadelphia; Sam Hailey, Canton; and (fourth row from left) Frances Thomas Williams, Philadelphia; Doris Wiggins Greer, Franklin, Tennessee; and Rebecca Henry Boswell, Jackson.

'71 Class Members

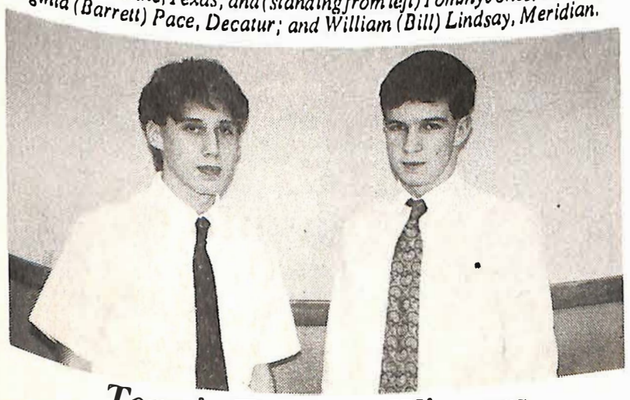
These 1971 graduates observed their 20th class reunion during Homecoming activities held last fall. Class members in attendance included (seated from left) Lucy Young, Vicksburg; Jan (Walton) Arthur, Union; Virginia (Barrett) Pace, Decatur; Brenda (Tucker) Wilbanks, Palestine, Texas; and (standing from left) Jim Hansford, Decatur; Joe Anthony, West Point; William (Bill) Lindsay, Meridian; and Tommy Jones, Carthage.

'71 Musical Cast

A reunion of cast members from the 1971 musical production of "South Pacific" was held during Homecoming activities with the following alumni in attendance: (seated from left) Lucy Young, Vicksburg; Jan (Walton) Arthur, Union; Mary Gean (Hudson) Perry, Edinburg; Brenda (Tucker) Wilbanks, Palestine, Texas; and (standing from left) Tommy Jones, Carthage; Virginia (Barrett) Pace, Decatur; and William (Bill) Lindsay, Meridian.

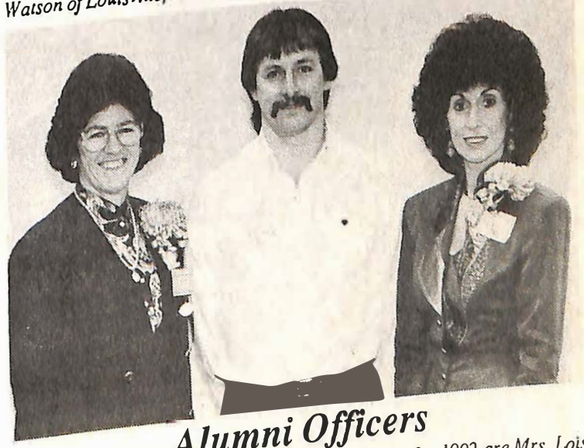
'81 Musical Cast

These cast members from the 1981 musical production of "Little Mary Sunshine" were recognized during the annual Homecoming celebration who include (from left) Mark Gunn of Hattiesburg, Joan Alawine of Newton, Missy Watson of Louisville, and Todd Vance of Lake.



Tennis Tourney Winners

Chris Dickerson (left) of Decatur and Chad Clark of Philadelphia, both ECCC students, captured top honors in the doubles division Tennis Tournament. Not pictured is Wes Kight of Louisville who won the singles championship.



Alumni Officers

Selected to serve as alumni association officers for 1992 are Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur, president; Paul Chamblee of Carthage, vice president; and Mrs. Patsy Clark of Louisville, secretary-treasurer.

Homecoming 1991

Boggan Honored

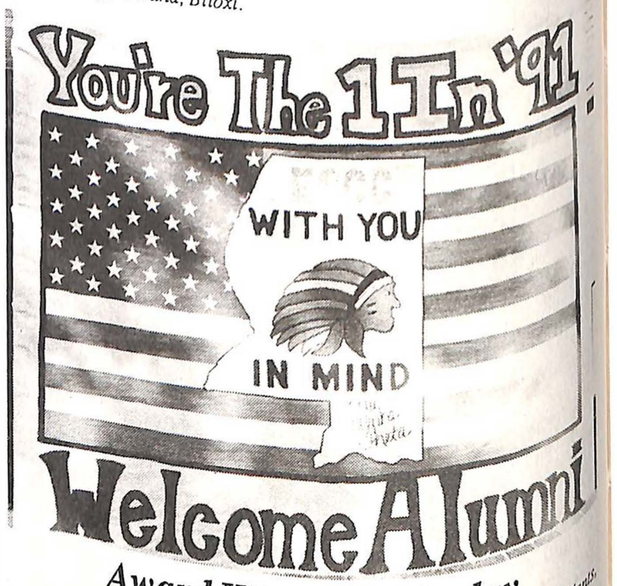
Dr. Austin P. Boggan (left) was presented a plaque of appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the college during the annual Homecoming awards luncheon held last fall. Shown making the presentation to the Decatur physician is Sammy Pace, coach of the Lady Warrior basketball team. Dr. Boggan, 67, has provided medical services to East Central athletes since 1954. Along with the appreciation plaque, a copper etching of Dr. Boggan is permantently displayed in Burton Library along with previous Alumni of the Year winners and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

Homecoming Honorees

These outstanding individuals received various honors during the 1991 Homecoming activities held Saturday, October 19 on the Decatur campus. Awards recipients included (seated from left) Thomas W. Carson, Outstanding Academic Instructor; Coach Diana (Lyons) Jones of Bay Springs, Athletic Hall of Fame inductee; Mrs. Lois (Blount) Cooper of Decatur, Alumna of the Year; Ricky Harrison, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor; and (standing from left) Dr. Austin P. Boggan of Decatur, Special Recognition Award; Wayne Tullos of Belle Glade, Florida, Athletic Hall of Fame inductee; Coach Larry Henderson of Mobile, Alabama, Athletic Hall of Fame inductee; and Dr. Clyde Muse of Raymond, Alumnus of the Year. The honorees were recognized during the annual alumni luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Former Athletes Recognized

Above are representatives of the 1982 football team and cheerleading squad who received special recognition during the college's annual Homecoming celebration held last fall. The 1982 team, which posted a 4-6 record, represents the first ECCC squad coached by former head mentor A. J. Kilpatrick. Pictured are (first row from left) Arthur McMillan, Newton; Charlotte (Comans) Griffin, Decatur; Coach Kilpatrick; Percy Johnson, Irving, Texas; Stacy Powell, Atlanta, Georgia; and (back row from left) Tommy Jones, Grenada; Mike Spence, Carthage; Luke Parkes, Philadelphia; and Jeff Breland, Biloxi.



Award Winning Display

Mu Alpha Theta, an organization composed of ECCC math students, captured top honors with the above display in the college's Homecoming sign contest. Mrs. Lois McMullan serves as sponsor of the award-winning organization. "New Directions" won runner-up honors and Newsome Hall placed third in the annual competition.

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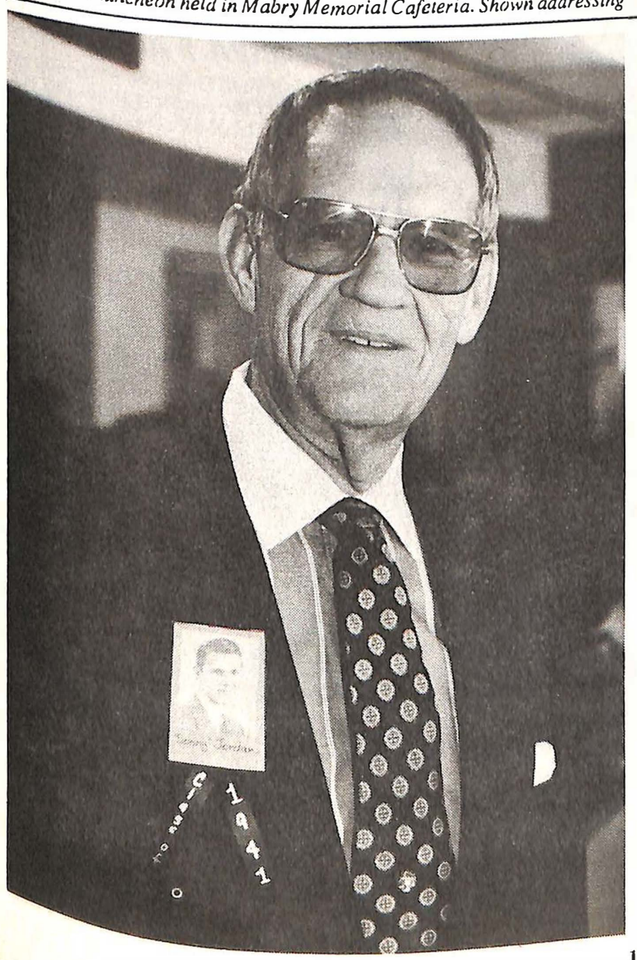
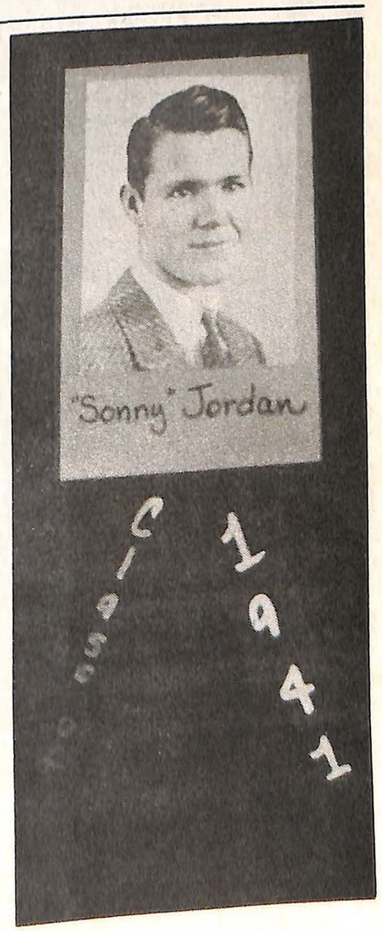
Large Crowd Attends Luncheon

An overflowing crowd of alumni, family members, and friends attended the awards luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Shown addressing the group is Skip Lathem of Morton who served as alumni association president for 1991.

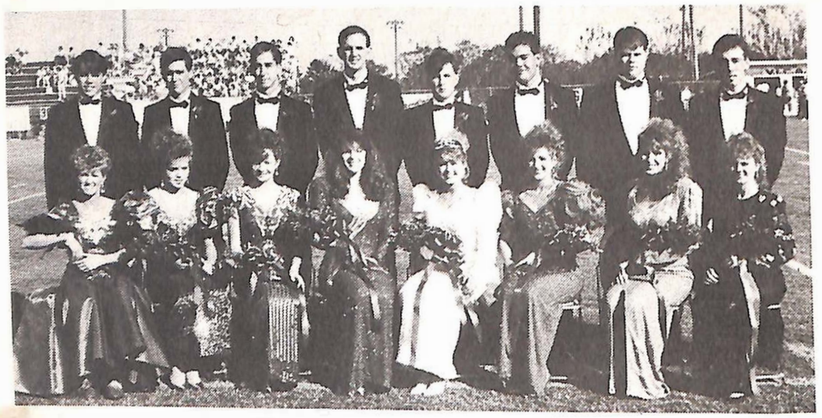


Displays Special Name Tag

Sonny Jordan, a 1941 graduate who attended the Homecoming festivities as a member of the 50th class reunion group, displays a special photo name tag designed for each '41 class member. Jordan said the identification tags were "very helpful" in recognizing those who has "changed somewhat" over the past 50 years. The Decatur resident remarked he was probably "the only class member" who had really not changed over the past five decades and still maintained those youthful looks!



1991 Homecoming Activities



Homecoming Court

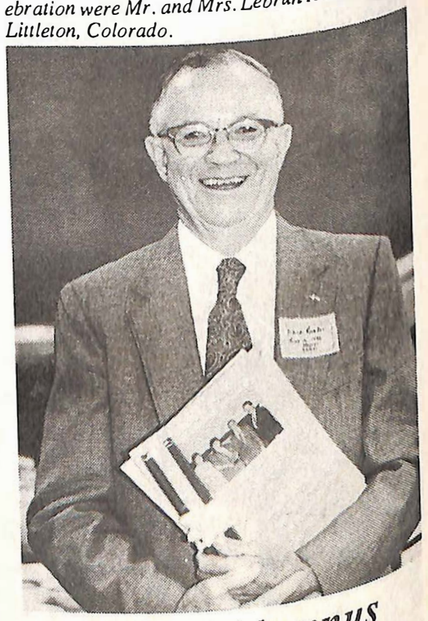
Students selected for the 1991 Homecoming Court and presented during halftime ceremonies of the East Central - Southwest football game were (seated from left) freshman maids Mendy Smith of Philadelphia, Merri Giles of Forrest, and Rebecca Vanderpoorten of Newton; Maid of Honor Tam Cooper of Decatur; Queen Kim Shirley of Forest; and sophomore maids Ginger Buckley of Columbus, Amy Fussell of Louisville, and Apryl Hendon of Union. Standing from left are escorts Kirk Weems of Newton, Jay Fortenberry of Philadelphia, Jason Mangrum of Decatur, Matt Strum of Carthage, Keith Johnson of Chunky, Monte Suggs of Union, Jason Wright of Louisville and David Martin of Bossier, Louisiana.

Traveled Farthest

Alumni recognized for traveling the farthest distance to attend the annual Homecoming celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Lebrun Hutchison of Littleton, Colorado.

Golf Tourney Participants

These alumni participated in the college's annual Homecoming Golf Tournament held October 18, 1991 at Decatur Country Club. Participants included (kneeling from left) Ricky Harrison, Larry Blackburn, Carl Hollingsworth and Tommy Thrash, all of Decatur; and (standing from left) Chris Clark, Pete Lohrer, Rickie Vaughn and Chris Harris, all of Decatur; Joel Nelson, Newton; Kevin Smith, Union; and Joe Clark, Decatur. The alumni tourney was won by Chris Clark who carded a 32 on the back nine, which is three under par.



'Oldest' Alumnus Present

Alumnus Frank Hunter of Brookhaven was recognized during Homecoming activities as being the oldest alumnus in attendance. Hunter, who enrolled at East Central in 1933, is 77 years young!

Peaveys Donate Stereo Mixer To East Central's Music Department

The band program at East Central Community College in Decatur has received a much-needed boost for its entertaining groups, thanks to a generous donation by Hartley and Melia Peavey.

The couple recently presented the college a Peavey stereo mixer, which will be utilized primarily by The Collegians, a vocal-instrumental pop group directed by Thomas W. Carson who also performs with the popular entertainers.

In making the presentation to Carson and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president, Peavey spokesman Jere Hess, Director of Personnel and Public Relations said:

"On behalf of Hartley and Melia Peavey, we are very pleased to present East Central Community College with this MS 1221 stereo mixer.

"The Peavey Company motto, 'Peavey is People Growing Together,' extends to our relationship with the community. East Central is an important part of our team in Decatur, helping to provide us with a skilled work force. We at Peavey's hope that this mixer will, in some way, enhance the lives of all ECCC students and faculty."

Carson said he was "thrilled" to receive the new equipment which will "greatly enhance" future music performances.

"The Collegians are most appreciative of Hartley and Melia Peavey for presenting us with the stereo mixer. We are certainly looking forward to using the mixer and showcasing it during our performances around the district and elsewhere," he said.

Dr. Smith also offered words of praise concerning the Peaveys: "We owe a great deal of gratitude to Hartley and Melia Peavey for providing East Central with this much-needed stereo mixer. At a time when college funds are limited for such expenditures, it is especially gratifying when good friends like the Peaveys make available funds or equipment that will add to the betterment of one of our program areas."

In describing the equipment, Hess said the stereo mixer is a 12-channel unit with provisions for fully equalized stage monitor outputs as well as main or "house" outputs. He said the mixer has a built-in effects section that provides full reverberation and echo-type special effects.

The 12 channels allow for the mixing, or blending, of up to 12 separate music sources, such as microphones, prior to amplification. The MS 1221 will be equally useful as a small band stage mixer or as a general house mixer whenever multiple inputs are necessary, he added.

The Collegians will have an opportunity to display the stereo mixer at their spring concert held Monday, April 27, 1992. The group is also preparing for a performance at Six Flags Over Texas on May 23, 1992.

ECCC Receives Peavey Donation

A stereo mixer has been donated to East Central Community College by Hartley and Melia Peavey who made the contribution to further enhance the college's band program. The new equipment will be utilized primarily by The Collegians, East Central's vocal-instrumental pop group. Shown during the presentation ceremonies are (from left) Peavey personnel Dudley Tardo, Quality Assurance Supervisor, and Bob Weidler, Division Manager; and college officials Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president, and Thomas W. Carson who directs and performs with the entertaining group. Carson is also the college's band director. Not pictured are Peavey officials Jere Hess, Director of Personnel and Public Relations, and Jerry Crawford, photographer.

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McCurdy Joins ECCC Board

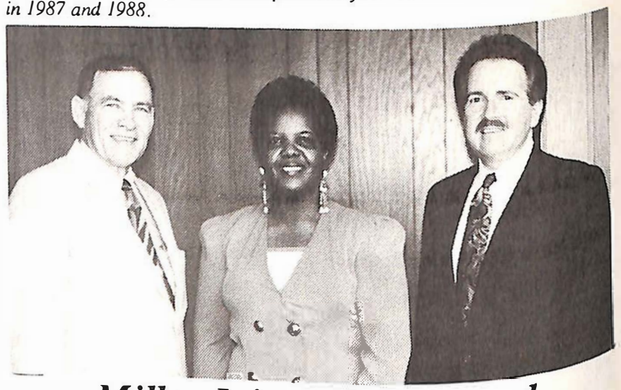
Scott County Superintendent of Education Frank McCurdy (center) has become a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees and is shown with Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville (left) and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Having been elected to the superintendent's post, McCurdy became eligible to join the college's governing body. A resident of Morton, McCurdy previously served as counselor at the Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center.

Hand Joins ECCC Board

Newton County Superintendent of Education Charles Hand (center) has become a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees and is shown with Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville (left) and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Having been elected to the superintendent's post, Hand became eligible to join the college's governing body. A resident of Little Rock, Hand previously served as principal at Neshoba Central High School. He previously served on the Board of Trustees in 1987 and 1988.

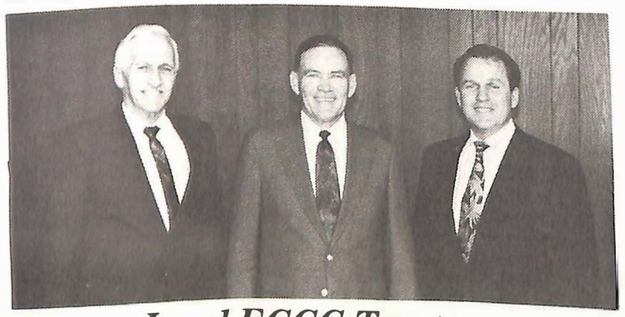
Bradford Joins ECCC Board

Jackie Bradford of Hillsboro (center) has been appointed by the Scott County Board of Supervisors to serve a five-year term on the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Bradford, who succeeds Mattye Evans whose term expired, is shown with Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville (left) and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Bradford will represent District 1 of Scott County. He is employed as shipping and receiving clerk for Vesuvius USA of Forest, a manufacturer of steel teeming gates.



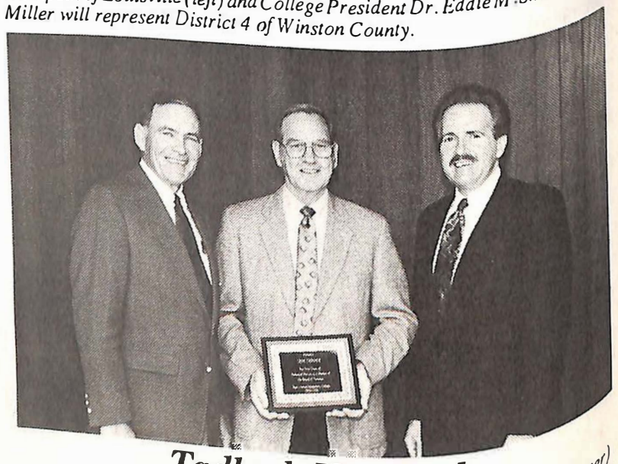
Miller Joins ECCC Board

Mrs. Brenda Miller of Louisville has been appointed by the Winston County Board of Supervisors to serve a five-year term on the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Mrs. Miller, who succeeds Mrs. Ann Wood whose term expired, is shown with Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville (left) and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Mrs. Miller will represent District 4 of Winston County.



Lead ECCC Trustees

Members of the College's Board of Trustees reelected the above officers to serve during the 1992 term. Pictured are (from left) Jerry K. Moore of carthage, vice chairman; Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, chairman; and Sam Bounds of Lawrence, secretary. Hudspeth, an East Central trustee since 1968, has served as board chairman since July, 1983. Moore was first elected vice chairman in February, 1989 and has served as a trustee for 27 years. Bounds, selected as secretary in March, 1988, has served 13 years as a member of the college's governing body.



Tadlock Honored

Former Scott County Superintendent of Education Leon Tadlock (center) was honored last fall for his service on the College's Board of Trustees and was presented a plaque of appreciation from college officials. Making the presentation were (from left) Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Tadlock, a resident of Morton, served the past four years as a member of the college's governing body.

Buntyn Honored

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Eugene Buntyn of Union who retired last fall from the College's Board of Trustees following seven years of service. Shown with Buntyn (fourth from left) during the special awards ceremony are his daughters (from left) Lisa Bankston and Gina, and his wife, Janelle. The appreciation plaque was presented by Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville and ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Buntyn is the owner of Buntyn Sawmill Company in Union.

New ECCC Trustee

Mrs. Sandra Amis of Conehatta was appointed last fall by the Newton County Board of Supervisors to serve as a member of the East Central Community Collge Board of Trustees. Mrs. Amis, shown above with Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth (left) of Louisville and ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, is a math instructor at Lake High School where she has been employed for 16 years. Mrs. Amis is a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Junior College, and Mississippi State University, where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees. She has also completed additional coursework at MSU and the University of Southern Mississippi.

EC Receives Grand Piano

Music instructor Leesa Wilkinson and Kenneth Jones, president of the Decatur branch of Eastover Bank for Savings, are shown with the college's new grand piano purchased last fall through a gift from the Newton County Community Concerts Association. Jones, an association representative, presented the new instrument to the college on behalf of the organization. A special recital to showcase the grand piano was held in early February.

Presents Computer Tapes

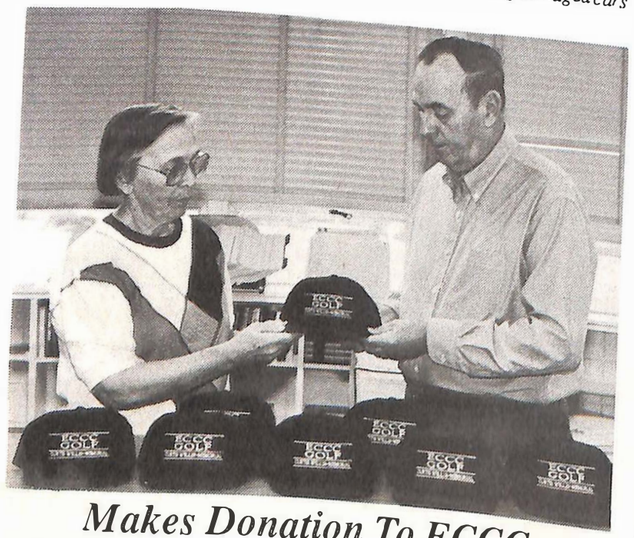
Representatives of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization composed of math students at East Central, contributed 24 computer tapes of mathematical software to the two-year institution and are shown making presentation to Dr. Eddie M. Smith. The software, prepared by the Department of Mathematics at the University of Arizona, includes three categories: ARE YOU READY?, SLIDE SHOW and TOOLKITS. Pictured are (from left) Mrs. Lois McMullan, math instructor and club sponsor; Kevin Winstead of Forest, chapter president for 1990-91; Dr. Smith; and Tam Cooper of Decatur, chapter president for 1991-92.

Donates To Huff Project

Dr. Shelby Harris (left), math instructor and chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics, and Rush Callahan, a sophomore engineering major from Forest, are shown presenting checks earmarked for the Huff Auditorium Refurbishing Project to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. Callahan, a graduate of Scott Central High School, serves as president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers" and is making the presentation on behalf of club members. Dr. Harris, who also made a personal contribution to the refurbishing project, serves as AAE sponsor. Phase Three of the fund-raising project is underway which involves replacement of the stage lighting and sound system.

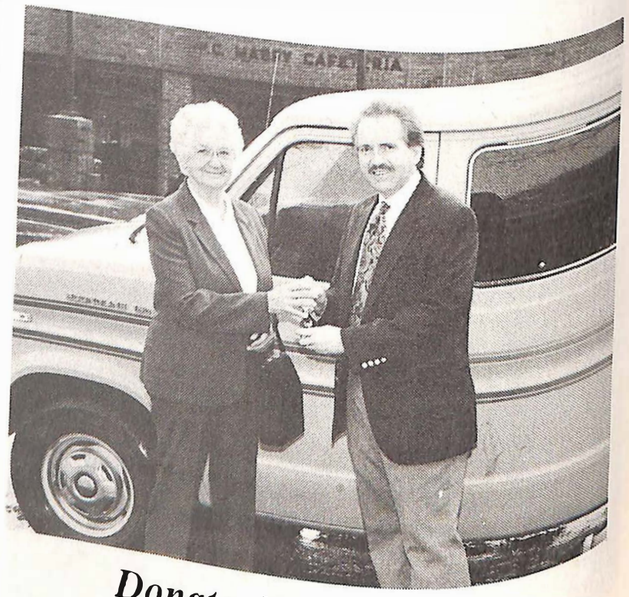
ECCC Receives Vehicle

Mark Killens (second from left), general manager of Killens' Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, GEO, Inc. in Newton recently presented a 1991 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup to the College and is shown handing over keys to the new vehicle to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. The pickup truck, a 1/2 ton fully loaded fleet-size vehicle with an extended cab, is being provided by the Chevrolet Motor Division "to enhance the college's automotive program and afford students an opportunity to become familiar with the latest in automotive technology," said Killens. He added that approximately 9,000 new Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks damaged in transit or by flood have been donated to schools for instructional purposes. Over the past 19 years, Killens said education institutions in most of the 50 states have received donated vehicles for their vocational education programs. The program was started in 1972 when Chevrolet started diverting damaged cars and trucks (previously scrapped) to schools for training purposes. In addition to damaged vehicles, engineering test and pilot line vehicles not suitable for sale are included in the program. Also pictured in the above photo are (from left) John Adcock, director of the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, and automotive mechanics instructors Robbie Pearson and Robert Green.



Makes Donation To ECCC

Faculty member Lucille Wood is shown presenting golf caps to Coach Joe Clark which are gifts from her nephew, Army Captain James T. Wood Jr. of Louisville. Captain Wood, an East Central alumnus and golf team member during the 1981 and 1982 seasons, donated the golf caps in memory of his grandfather, Curtis Willis.



Donates Van to ECCC

A special equipped van designed to help transport handicapped students has been donated to the College by Mrs. Leon Sims of Philadelphia who is shown making the presentation to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president. Mrs. Sims made the donation in honor of her late husband who utilized the special vehicle until his death on July 24, 1991. Mr. Sims, who was stricken with poliomyelitis as an infant, operated a successful accounting practice for many years in Philadelphia. He was 84 at the time of his death. Mr. Sims was an ECCC graduate and was selected the college's "Alumnus of the Year" in 1970.

Hannah Scholarship Established by Sons

A college education will be made more affordable for eligible Scott County students thanks to the sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Hannah who have established a scholarship in honor of their parents at East Central Community College.

The R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship was announced by the Hannah's four sons during a "surprise" 90th birthday party held for Mr. Hannah in Forest on January 25, 1992.

Ray Hannah, the second oldest son, told the crowd of over 200 in attendance at the special ceremony that he and his brothers established the scholarship "to pay tribute to their parents for the motivation, assistance, and encouragement" they provided.

"Our parents encouraged us to acquire the education we would need to help assure a successful future. All four of us attended East Central and we are most grateful to the college for the education we received," he said.

In accepting the scholarship on behalf of the college, Dr. Eddie M. Smith praised the Hannah sons for paying tribute to their parents by helping worthy students earn a college degree. Dr. Smith said the Hannah Scholarship has been endowed at $25,000 which represents "the largest endowment ever made at the college."

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a beginning freshman from Scott County. Eligible recipients must have the demonstrated potential for successful college study and must be able to demonstrate the need for financial assistance, according to Dr. Smith. The first scholarship recipient will be announced during Awards Day activities scheduled in late April, 1992.

Besides Ray Hannah, other sons include Robert O. Hannah, Jr., Thomas E. Hannah, and Ted Hannah.

Ray is President and Chief Operating Officer of Porex Technologies Corporation, the largest manufacturer of porous plastics in the world. He joined the company in 1968 as Technical Director after serving several years in polymer research and development at other companies.

He is a director of Porex Technologies, Synetic Inc., vice chairman of First Bank of Georgia, and Chairman of Southern Crescent Mortgage and Investment Corporation. He also serves as Director and Past President of the Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association and is a former director of the Health Industry Manufacturers Association. He serves as a Trustee of Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and is President of Cochran Mill Nature Center.

Ray attended East Central in 1954-55 and graduated from Mississippi College in 1958. He obtained a master's degree in 1967 from Clark University in Worcester, Mass. He is also a graduate of the University of North Carolina Executive Program.

He is married to the former Betty Ann Webb and they have three sons: Ray, Jr., Robert, and Ronald.

Robert Hannah, the oldest son, is a self-employed communications contractor in Mobile, Alabama. Previously he was associated with Southern Telesystems in Jackson, a company he helped establish after he retired from a career in the Air Force in 1973. He joined the Air Force in 1952 after attending East Central.

Robert is married to the former Betty Jo Marsh and they have two married sons: Robert III (Skipper) and Troy, and three grandchildren.

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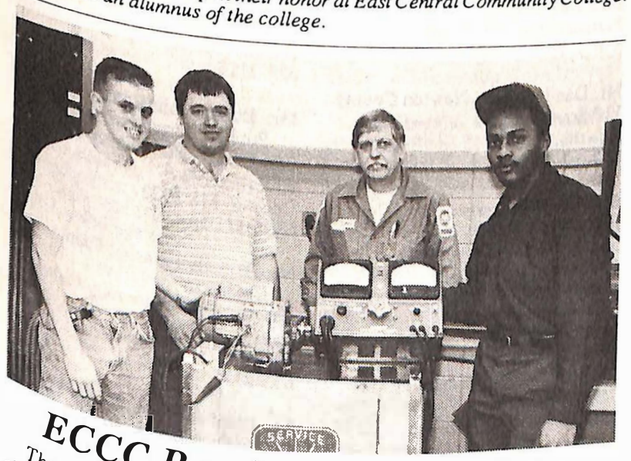
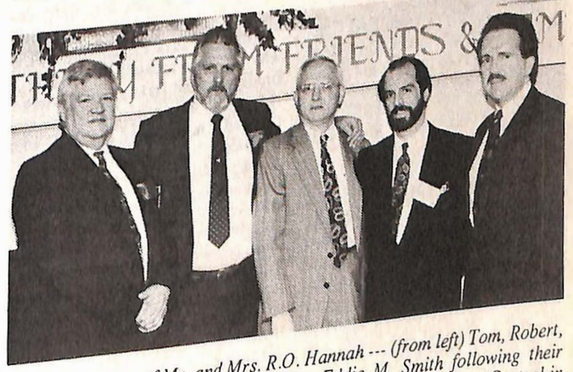
Above are Bertha and "Slim" Hannah of Forest, whose four sons have established a scholarship in their honor at East Central Community College. Each son is an alumnus of the college.



ECCC Receives Electric Motor

The college's Automotive Mechanics department recently received an electric motor which was donated by U.S. Motors in Philadelphia. The electric motor will be used in testing equipment for alternators and generators. Shown admiring the much-needed equipment are (from left) freshman Dean Thornton of Montrose, instructors Robbie Pearson and Robert Green; and freshman Marcus Gray of Lake.



The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Hannah --- (from left) Tom, Robert, Ray and Ted - are pictured with Dr. Eddie M. Smith following their announcement that a scholarship had been established at East Central in honor of the Forest couple. The scholarship was announced during a "surprise" 90th birthday party held for Mr. Hannah on January 25, 1992.

More Hannah Scholarship

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Thomas E. "Tom" Hannah is President and Chief Executive Officer of Collins and Aikman, a speciality textile manufacturer with sales of approximately $1.3 billion. Prior to joining Collins and Aikman, he was with Milliken and Company for 25 years, starting as a management trainee. He left Milliken as President of the company's largest division.

Tom is a Director of Collins and Aikman, the American Textile Manufacturers Institute, The Institute of Textile Technology, and Precision Cutting Services, Inc. He is also on the Board of Visitors of the University of South Carolina Medical School, and a member of the Foundation of the Spartanburg Regional Medical Hospital.

He graduated from East Central in 1956 and the University of South Carolina in 1961. He lettered in football at both schools. In 1963 he received a Master's Degree from USC and began employment with Milliken. He is also a graduate of the University of North Carolina Executive Program and the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.

He is married to the former Carolyn L. Fleming and they have two children; Thomas Edward, Jr. and Kevin Lee.

Ted is Director of Advertising and Public Relations for King Features Syndicate, a Division of the Hearst Corporation. Previously he was Director of Public Relations for Omni Magazine and earlier served as Director of Public Information for the Mississippi Educational Television Network. He is also a former state news editor of the Jackson Daily News.

He is a Member of Board of Advisors for GAIA, an international anthropology project concerned with culturally endangered groups, and also a board member of the International Desert Cities Conference which will be held in Phoenix, Arizona in 1995.

Ted attended East Central and is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi.

He has lived in New York City since 1973.

Thornton Scholarship Established at ECCC

The Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Company Scholarship was established in 1991 by Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and Emerson Electric Company as a tribute to East Central Community College for its many positive contributions to the Thorntons' lives.

The initial contributions by the Thorntons and Emerson Electric Company totaled $10,000.000 which was used to establish the endowment for the scholarship.

For information concerning qualifications of scholarship recipients, contact the Office of the President, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327.

Earp Patents Invention Relative To Hazardous Materials/Waste

Eugene (Gene) F. Earp, a 1949 graduate of East Central, has been Director of Campus Safety at Louisiana State University for 12 1/2 years. At LSU he directs the occupational, academic, and environmental safety program to include hazardous waste disposal and building life safety/fire protection.

A native of Fairfield, Alabama, Mr. Earp attended East Central from 1947-49 where he was active in football and track and where he made the Dean's list.

After graduating from East Central, Mr. Earp attended USM where he earned his B.S. in Biological Sciences. He also served in the U.S. Navy and the MS National Guard, earning a WWII Victory Medal and the rank of Captain.

Past President of the MS Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, Mr. Earp is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and a Registered Professional Safety Engineer in California. He received the LSU Foundation Staff Outstanding Service Award in 1984 and was listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest in 1986/87.

A member of University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, LA, Mr. Earp is married to the former Ann Johnson of Harperville, an elementary school teacher, who was a campus beauty and football queen at East Central. They have two daughters: Rebecca Jo, who has a B.S. from USM and an M.S. in Speech Pathology from Florida State, and Polly Ann Lott, who attended Ole Miss and who received her diploma in Dental Hygiene from MS Dental School. Mr. and Mrs. Earp have two grandchildren -- Hal Michael and Anna Alexandra -- whom Mr. Earp describes as "beautiful -- pure delight!"

Mr. Earp says, "Attending ECCC was the best move I ever made. I finally learned how to study there." He adds, "I met and courted and married Ann Johnson at ECCC who has been my lifelong companion." He also cites Ms. Newsome, Mr. Leatherwood, and Coach Vincent as positive influences in his life.

Mr. Earp has patented an invention relative to immobilization of hazardous materials/waste. He has completed 150 clock hours of training from the LSU Office of Environmental, Occupational and Safety Training. He has also developed teaching courses on Occupational Safety and Fire Prevention/Protection.

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Sara May Retires After 34 Years in Education

SARA MAY

In 1951 Sara May graduated from East Central Junior College. Two years later she completed a BS degree in Elementary Education at Mississippi State College For Women. Upon graduation from the "W" May accepted a position as second grade teacher at Carpenter Elementary School in Natchez to begin a career in education which spanned thirty-four years.

After completing a masters degree in elementary education from Mississippi State University Mrs. May became the principal of Newton Elementary School in Newton, Mississippi, a position that she held from 1975 until she announced her retirement earlier this year.

Having begun her career as a first grade teacher, Mrs. May is quick to point out that she received great satisfaction from teaching first graders to read and write. She says of her early teaching, "I feel that those early years influenced my desire to help all children experience the joy of learning."

Concerning her position as principal she said, "Helping teachers to meet the needs of children builds a bond of positive support between the principal, teachers, parents, and students."

About her staff at Newton Elementary Mrs. May said, "Working with this very capable and professional staff has been motivating, challenging and rewarding and has helped me fulfill those goals that I set early in my professional career."

Mrs. May is a member of several organizations associated with education. She holds membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, Phi Kappa Phi, and the Newton Elementary PTA.

Always active in curriculum development, she was voted the Mississippi Association of Elementary School Administrator's District National Distinguished Principal in 1991.

She has served on the advisory Board for Crossroads Headstart, the Commission for Proprietary School and Registration, the Mississippi Education Association State Insurance Committee, the School Executive Management Institute Advisory Board Chairman, and as an evaluator for the Commission on School Accreditation.

Mrs. May is a member of the Newton First Baptist Church where she teaches a young couples Sunday School class.

Across the state of Mississippi Sara May is known for her work in education. She has been particularly active in developing a comprehensive curriculum for Newton Elementary and also in supervising a teaching staff that through the encouragement of Mrs. May taught the basic skills for a well founded education and the same time realized the importance of educating the whole child.

Recent Alumni Happenings

Dianne Myrick and Ruth Latham were selected by the Morton PTA for Teacher Spotlight during the week of November 13.

Dr. Joseph P. Harris was honored for distinguished service with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service by being awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. The award was presented in Jackson.

Hugh Winstead's class at Neshoba Central Junior High recently held a Geography Fair.

Jo Ann Rouse and Wanda Waddell of Philadelphia High School recently attended the Law-Related Education Conference in Jackson. The conference was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice.

W. H. Johnson spoke at the Veteran's Day program in Philadelphia in November.

The first week in November, Hope Hawkins was selected by the Morton PTA to be honored in the Teacher Spotlight.

George Taylor, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Forest, has announced that Mike Stubbs has joined the Farmers and Merchants Bank as a management trainee.

Ed Amis, Grady Boozeran d Percy Parker were honored by the Morton PTA in October as being outstanding teachers.

Dr. Edwin Duett of Mississippi State University and Stan Davis of Sunburst Bank of Louisville attended a conference on potential Regulatory Reform at Mississippi State University.

Jerry Brantley and George Shaw have recently been named new principals. Brantley will head Neshoba Central High School and Shaw will be assistant principal at Neshoba Elementary.

Mrs. Ouida Thomas has been recognized as a nationally certified teacher of piano by the Music Teachers National Association.

Lt. Christopher Perry of Decatur was recently reassigned to the USS Cruiser Shilo. The Shilo is under construction at Bath Maine.

Linda Gressett of Union has been promoted to Vice President with Deposit Guaranty National Bank.

Jeff Spears of Neshoba County and a science teacher at Pearl High School recently attended a space technology education program sponsored by the Environmental Research Institute and the NASA.

David Griffin is the new president of Decatur Chamber of Commerce for 1992-1993.

Mrs. Connie Peterson, Juvenile Court Officer for Oktibbeha County spoke to the Union Parent-Teacher meeting in November.

The Morton PTA picked Kathy Marler and Belinda Earls as outstanding teachers in November.

Kay Lucas is the new Executive Director for the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

The home of Roberta and David Byars was one of the homes shown on the Philadelphia tour of homes held recently.

The Morton PTA honored Danny Wade as an outstanding member of the faculty for the month of December.

Glenda Hillman Fulcher of Quitman recently received her Master's Degree in Vocational-Technology from Mississippi State University. Fulcher is an instructor of Business Technology at the Clarke County Vocational-Technical Center in Quitman.

Lynn Savell, Professor of English at Clarke College, was selected as the HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence) teacher for Clarke. She was honored at events in Jackson on February 18.

The home of Paul and Hilda Simmons of Louisville was one of the homes shown on the Louisville Christmas Tour of Homes.

Dr. Kevin Nichols has joined the staff at Madden Medical Clinic.

Don Laird of Little Rock recently displayed his large collection of ceramic roses at the Union Public Library, Laird is a teacher in Meridian Public Schools.

Sheila Gilmer Barrett recently received her R.N. degree from Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in New Orleans.

Mike Amis and Mike Cooper have been selected to appear in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Both Amis and Cooper are students at Mississippi State University.

Ken Gordon, Jr. has recently been promoted to Senior Vice-President at the Bank of Morton.

Jean Lovett, and Earline Mitchell were honored recently by the Morton PTA for their outstanding work as teachers in the Morton school system.

Jim Abel of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and Kathy Tullos, founder of Advocates for the

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Plan ECCC Homecoming

Plans for Homecoming, 1992 are underway at East Central as these Alumni Association officers and college representatives recently met to discuss the annual celebration. Pictured are (from left) Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Pasty Clark of Louisville, association secretary-treasurer; Lois Cooper of Decatur, association president; Paul Chambleee of Carthage, vice president; and Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction. The group announced Homecoming activities will be held on Saturday, October 10, 1992.

Weddings

Ann Abel to Andy Wedgeworth

Rebecca Susan Bell to David Carl Savell

Melanie Sue Bishop to Michael Sherwood Dallas

Robbie Ann Brown to Henry Oree Charmichael, Jr.

Tammy Laraine Bryan to Todd Wall

Susan Clay to Mike Jackson

Penny Lynne Crawford to Darryl Shawn Tubbs

Beverly Ann Crenshaw to James Ervin McAdory

Kristy Michelle Dickerson to Larry Peavy

Brenda Kay Everett to James Arnold Stamper

Valerie Helen Fraser to William Ransom Gatewood

Glyndia Kay Good to Joe E. Williams

Lisa Dawn Hatcher to Mark Wayne Shaw

Jennifer Hendon to Ricky Wilkerson

Tammie Renee Higginbotham to Timothy Allen Triplett

Tammy Lynn Lathem to Mark David Johnson

Charla Maria McFarland to Jerry Bernard Dukes

Mariel Gwendolyn Moore to Don Anthony Whitfield

Penny Louise Overstreet to Michael Hunter Vance

Wendy Queen to Miles Porter

Patty Dell Reeves to Scotty Ray Gibson

Alicia Ann Richardson to Michael Lee Acord

Marcia Lee Russell to James Woods Shelley II

Scarlett Beth Sinclair to Steven Clay Bane

April Skinner to Matt Dean

Jennifer Janette Smith to Timothy Allen Collins

Cynthia Regina Sullivan to Jerry Don Cook

Karren Jennifer Thaggard to William Michael Stubbs

Jacquline Triplett to Tony Clinton Grant

Brandy Allison White to Johnny Mark Stuart

Ethel Marie Whitlock to Kenneth Cattrelle Spiva

Lisa Williams to Gregory Keith Nowell

Lisa Kay Willis to John Albert Lockett

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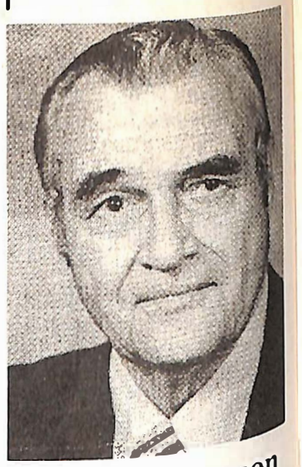
Exceptional, were recently featured in an article in the Neshoba Democrat.

Karen Laird Newman was recently appointed editor of the journal published by The Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-Year College. Karen teaches at Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette, Alabama.

Brenda McMullan, Marsha Shelley, Sue Ellen Miller, Bess Ann Jones and Janet Eubanks recently accepted a plaque which dedicated the new Mississippi National Guard Armory in Louisville to their father, Sergeant Charles E. Gavin.

Obituary



Bert Thompson

Services were held Friday, March 27, 1992 at First Baptist Church in Clinton for William Bert Thompson, 71, a retired educator. Mr. Thompson died March 26 at Methodist Medical Center in Jackson following complications from liver disease. Burial was in Lakewood Memorial Park.

A Columbus native, Mr. Thompson was a member of First Baptist Church, where he was a deacon.

He was a graduate of S.D. Lee High School in Columbus, where he was a member of the all-state football team that won a national championship in 1936. He was a graduate of East Central Junior College and the University of Mississippi, where he received bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees.

At East Central, Thompson was an All-State performer on the Warrior football team.

"He believed in being the best and doing the best," William Joseph Thompson, of Clinton, said of his father's schooling.

Mr. Thompson also served in the Army's 21st Engineer's unit in North Africa and Italy.

He was former dean of education at Mississippi College. He also worked as a lobbyist for the Mississippi Retired Teachers Association.

Earlier, he was a teacher and football coach at S.D. Lee High School; principal and football coach at Amory Elementary School; principal and football coach at Aberdeen High School; and principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent of Greenville Public Schools.

Thompson said his father loved teaching and coaching. "He loved working with young people. He was one of the few people who got to touch a lot of people's lives in many

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Husband, Wife Receive STAR Teacher Recognition

The children of Jim and Deborah Duncan have recently been seeing "STARS" around their home in Newton. Seventh grader Brandi and fourth grader Greg might well be the only children in the State of Mississippi who saw both of their parents named as STAR Teachers in the same school year.

Deborah Duncan (AA, EC 1970) was named STAR Teacher by Neshoba Central High School STAR Student Alan Williamson whom she taught advanced chemistry and advanced biology classes. Deborah also coaches Junior High basketball.

Jim (AA, EC 1968) was named STAR Teacher by Newton High School senior Jody Wagner who was a student in his social studies classes.

The Duncans' interest in academic excellence goes back a long way. According to Jim, "I try to show my students that if they have a dream and are willing to pay the price, and will never give up, good things will happen for them in their life."

In her college career, Deborah set an example as a student athlete who devoted her time to being successful both as an athlete and in the classroom. At East Central she was a member of the 1970 women's basketball team which won the state championship. She also participated in tennis and volleyball. After transferring, Deborah was a member of two national championship basketball teams: one at Nashville Business College while she was enrolled at George Peabody College for Teachers, and one (1971) when she was a senior at Miss. State College for Women (now MUW). That year, Deborah was named to the All-American team.

After graduating from Crystal Springs High School and East Central, Jim enrolled at Miss. State University and received a B.S. Degree, later receiving the Master's Degree from Delta State University. He has close ties to East Central. His aunt, Lucille Wood, is still a member of the faculty at the college, and in addition to her, his mother, two aunts, and uncle are all EC graduates.

Jim credits much of his success both as a teacher and as a coach to East Central faculty members who took a personal interest in him. "With the leadership and guidance of such instructors as Mr. Smith, Mrs. Hull, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Vickers, I came to realize that I had potential. They helped me make the decision to go into the field of education."

Jim has been a successful coach for a number of years and has coached two football All-Star games in Mississippi and one in Alabama. Since coming to Newton in 1986, he has run a successful track program, copying four consecutive division championships and being named "Coach of the Year" four times. Since becoming head football coach at Newton in 1988, his teams have won two division championships and he has been named "Coach of the Year" twice.

Being named STAR Teacher is nothing new to Deborah Duncan since she was a STAR Teacher in both 1977 and 1979.

Both the Duncans agree that teaching and coaching are "just different sides of the same coin." According to this education-oriented couple, "you can't really be good at one and not be good at the other. Whether you're on the playing field or in the classroom, you are always trying to instill in your students a love of learning."

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different ways."

He was president of Mississippi Principals' Association, Mississippi Council of Public Schools, Mississippi Association of School Administrators and Mississippi Education Association.

He was also a member of the Warrior Club at East Central Community College.

Mary Etta Thompson said her husband influenced many lives through education. "He fought for education," she said.

Mr. Thompson had been recognized in Who's Who in American Education. He was also a member of President Nixon's Commission of School Finance. He was vice-chairman of Gov. Bill Waller's school finance study group. He was a member of Gov. Cliff Finch's school finance study committee.

In his spare time, Mr. Thompson enjoyed outdoor pursuits. "He played a lot of golf and enjoyed deer hunting and bass fishing," his son said.

Other survivors include: daughter, Mary Anne Rankin of Clinton; son, Lelon David Thompson of Clinton; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Baptist Children's Village or the First Baptist Church Building Fund of Clinton.

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Wood Speaks At ECCC

Captain James Wood of Louisville (left) spoke to members of the college's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter last fall and related information concerning his participation in the Persian Gulf War. Captain Wood, an East Central alumnus, was stationed in Israel during the Middle East crisis and was in command of a Patriot Missile unit. Shown with Captain Wood are (from left) Matt Strum, Carthage; James Johnson, Lena; Lela Ladner, Carthage; and Tam Cooper. Patsy Harris and Lamar Blalock, all of Decatur.

Award-Winning Forest Team Led By East Central Alumni

Winning continues to be a tradition in Forest!

For the third straight year, Forest High School's WINGS team has outperformed all others in the American Enterprise Center's Free Enterprise Games. No other team can claim this record of achievement in the Games's regional competition.

The seven-member Forest High team will meet Collins High School in the state play-off to be held in Jackson in April as a part of the Mississippi Economic Council's Annual Membership Meeting.

Forest High earned the right to compete for the championship by accumulating one of the two best point totals in three rounds of competition. Over two hundred persons attended the one-day conference held in cooperation with Mississippi State University's Department of Business and Industry.

The Games, sponsored by the American Enterprise Center of the Mississippi Economic Council and Chevron USA, are designed to encourage outstanding student leaders in their search for knowledge and information about the free enterprise system, to create competition among students and schools, and to recognize those who excel in knowledge and information.

Forest High edged out Cruger-Tchula Academy in play-off competition. Corinth High won third; Houston High claimed fourth; and Itawamba Agricultural High was in the number-five spot.

Each school team was made up of five high school juniors or seniors and a faculty sponsor. Teams earned bonus points for including a business advisor from the local community.

General competition covered three rounds involving knowledge of economic terms and management of resources, plus a play-off round indicating economic understanding.

Steve Renfroe, community affairs representative for Chevron's Pascagoula refinery, presented awards to outstanding teams. The Forest High team received a Free Enterprise Games sweatshirt.

Members of the Forest High WINGS team are captain Patrick Cleveland, Susan Taylor, Paula Calhoun, Tonia Beebe, Tanya Courtney, teacher-sponsor Beverly Rhodes, and business advisor George Taylor. Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Taylor are alumni of East Central Community College.

Award-Winning Forest Team

Members of the award-winning Forest High School WINGS team includes (seated from left) Susan Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor; Paula Calhoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Calhoun; Tonia Beebe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Beebe; Tanya Courtney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Courtney; and (standing from left) Steve Renfroe of Chevron; instructor and East Central Community College alumna Beverly Rhodes; team captain Patrick Cleveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cleveland; and business advisor George Taylor of Farmers and Merchants Bank who is also an East Central graduate.

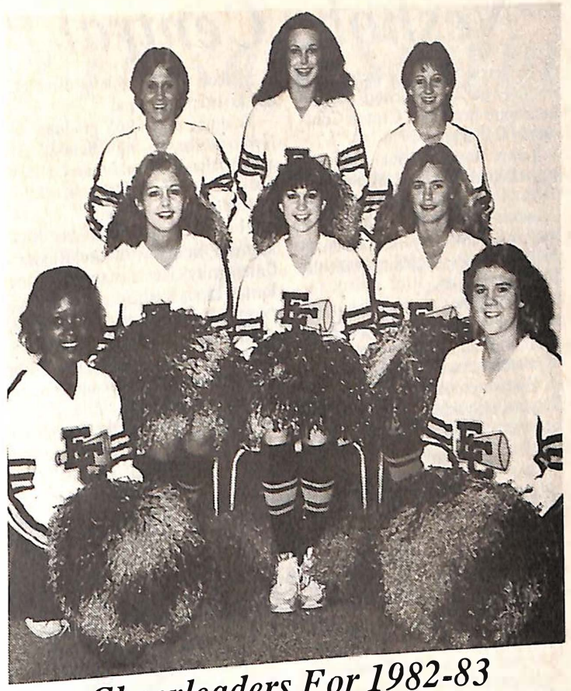
Wood Receives PTK Honor

East Central faculty member and alumna Lucille Wood (center) was inducted as an honorary member of Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa during initiation ceremonies recently held on the Decatur campus. Pictured with Miss Wood are advisors Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris, also ECCC alumni. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for community and junior college students. Mrs. Burkes also received special recognition during the PTK program for being chosen outstanding advisor for the Mississippi-Louisiana region.

Photos From The Past

1982 Homecoming Court

Homecoming activities for 1982 featured the above beauties who included (front row, from left) Sophomore Maid Kim Chamblee, Homecoming Queen Donna Whitehead, Maid of Honor Constance Smith, Sophomore Maid Karen Tingle and (back row, from left) Sophomore Maid Tammy Bates, and Freshman Maids Jimmy Lyn Pierce, Melissa Bates, and Anita Hatcher.



Cheerleaders For 1982-83

Leading cheers for the Warriors during the 1982-83 school year were (front row, from left) Patricia Mapp and Charlotte Comans, both of Decatur; Jayna Hatcher, Louisville; Nina Glaza, Newton; Lisa Kelly, Union; and (back row, from left) Denise Cumberland and Kim Chamblee, both of Newton; and Anita Hatcher, Louisville.

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Alumni:

Please remember to make nominations for:

- Outstanding Academic Instructor
- Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor
- Alumna of the Year
- Alumnus of the Year
- Athletic Hall of Fame

(Three are selected each year)

Deadline to nominate honorees for 1992 is July 13, 1992. (Nominations remain in effect for two consecutive years.)

To receive nomination forms, contact:

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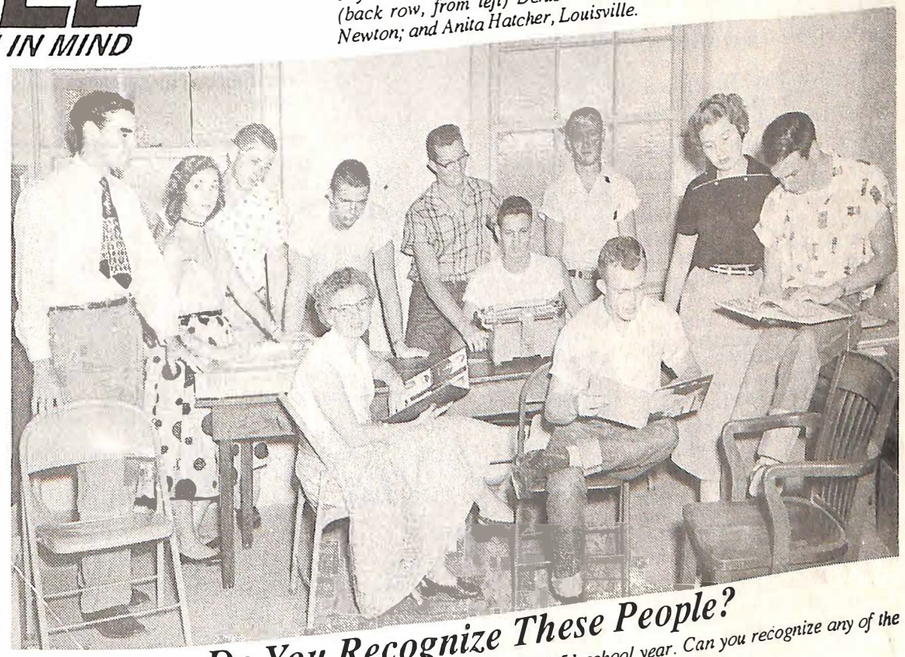


Do You Recognize These People?

Shown above are members of the Wo-He-Lo staff for the 1950-51 school year. Can you recognize any of the students and especially the young-looking yearbook sponsor?

Pictured are (from left) Ovid Vickers, Ann Snuggs, Johnnie Biggs, Thomas Giles, Carol Pace, Tommie Jo Bunin, Bill Beaver, Freeman Parker, Jimmy Thrash, Polly Pearson and Cullen Saxton.

ECCC Alumni Selected Neshoba Central Principals

Two new principals named for the Neshoba County School District are alumni from East Central Community College.

Jerry Brantley has assumed leadership as principal of Neshoba Central High School and Mrs. Lynda Crawford was chosen principal at Neshoba Elementary. Both assumed their new roles beginning with the 1991 school term.

Brantley has been involved in education for over 22 years as head coach and administrator in a number of schools in or near Philadelphia.

His most recent stint was at Eurpora High School where he served as football coach, athletic director, and assistant principal.

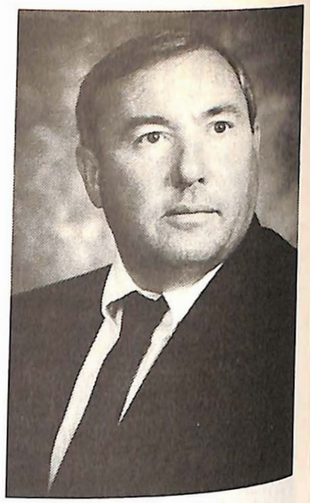
Brantley is a 1965 graduate of Neshoba Central high School. He attended East Central Junior College and graduated from Delta State University in 1969.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marzine Brantley of the Bloomo Community. He is married to the former Linda Lashley and they have two children. Their daughter, Emmy, is a senior at Mississippi State University. Their son, Lundy, is a junior at NCHS where he is a member of the Rocket football team.

Mrs. Crawford is the former assistant principal at Neshoba Elementary. She has taught in the Neshoba County School System for the past 16 years.

She received her associate degree from East Central Junior College and her bachelor and master's degrees in Elementary Education from Mississippi State University. She has also completed studies in Early Childhood Education and received a master's degree in Elementary School Administration from MSU.

She is married to Don Crawford. They have two daughters, Penny and Paula, and live in the Sandtown community.



Jerry Brantley

Mrs. Linda Crawford

Former May Queen Reflects On 'EC Days'

For most of East Central's sixty-four year history, May Day was the highlight of the year, and to be elected May Queen was the highest honor a female student could aspire to. In 1952, a young lady named Maurice (Ree) Smith was elected May Queen. Today some forty years later "Ree" (now Mrs. Bill Wilson) still remembers May Day as a high point in her life.

The former May Queen now resides in Blue Springs, Mo. and works for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as office manager in a regional office which helps establish standards for automobile safety (including air bags and safety belts). Her office also works closely with Mothers Against Drunk Driving to help stop drinking and driving.

In a recent communication with her friend and current East Central faculty member Lucille Wood, Mrs. Wilson, a Neshoba County native, remembered her days at East Central: "I have such fond memories of East Central and especially the wonderful instructors like Mrs. (Stella) Newsome. What a marvelous lady; her patient, loving image has been with me through all these years. And Coach (later President) Arno Vincent. What a fine role model."

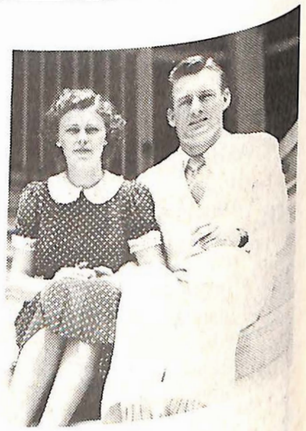
The mother of two sons and grandmother of five confided in her reminiscences that some of her fondest memories of East Central were of the late-night pranks which she, Lucille Wood, Edwina Stokes and others pulled in Jackson Hall.

Maurice (Ree) Smith

An avid golfer who gave up league-competition basketball at the age of 45, the former May Queen enjoys a golf handicap of 15 and competes as a member of the Kansas City Women's Golf League Traveling Team which annually hosts a nationally-recognized women's golf tournament and competes in tournaments across the country.

Regarding the academic preparation which she received at East Central, Mrs. Wilson stated, "I never hesitate to recommend a two-year college to my young friends. Being close to home, East Central eased the transition between high school and university life for me. There is a personal touch at the community college that is missing in universities."

Mrs. Wilson is the aunt of East Central communication office secretary Gloria (Shealy) Rigdon who indicates that she was brought up hearing wonderful things about East Central from her aunt and other family members.



Observe Golden Anniversary

For former ECCC President and Mrs. Arno Vincent, the year 1991 was filled with special memories as the Meridian couple observed 50 years of wedded bliss on June 7. The two are shown as young newly-weds in 1941 and as they observed their golden anniversary last summer. Mr. Vincent led East Central from 1953-1962. Mrs. Vincent is the former Ruth Carr.

Wood Recalls Duty Action In Israel During Desert Storm

Twenty-nine-year-old Jim Wood feels he knows what it's like to be a movie star since being asked to sign his autograph by hundreds of Israeli children following a cease-fire in the Middle East where he was serving active duty with the U.S. Army.

Wood, an East Central alumnus and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Ann) Wood Sr. of Louisville, served as a Patriot Missile Battery Commander and was deployed to Israel from his post in Germany to command a Patriot Missile Unit during Operation Desert Storm last year.

"When the conflict was over, we started mingling with the population in Israel. They treated us like movie stars.

"I recall some of us going to a mall one day to eat pizza, and there were kids, five rows deep, surrounding our table. They kept wanting our autographs, giving us gum paper and any other paper they could find for our signatures," Wood said.

The commander, whose father is a career military man, was exposed to the military at an early age. His father served in the U.S. Air Force for 25 and one-half years.

Wood graduated from Louisville High School in 1980, from East Central Community College in 1982, and from Mississippi State University in 1984 with a B.A. degree in Political Science.

He attended ECCC and MSU under a three-year ROTC scholarship.

He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army in July, 1984, and served at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, from 1984 until 1988 with the Hawk Missile and the U.S. Army Training Center.

In 1988, he was sent to serve in Germany as a Patriot Missile Commander, a position he held until after the Middle-East Conflict.

From January until April, 1991, Wood did a tour of duty in Tel Aviv, Israel as Commander of the Patriot Missile Battery (B Battery, 4th Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery).

Wood recalled the minutes, hours, and days of waiting in Germany after his unit was alerted to be ready to join in the Middle East Conflict.

"Fortunately, we proved we could do our jobs," he added.

Wood's unit got word of alert and began packing-up after a unit from Fort Bliss, Texas, successfully engaged a scud.

"We were told the first week in January that we would probably be going some place, but we didn't know where. We were put on alert and received briefings on Moslem customs. We just assumed we would go to Saudi Arabia. Because of the political situation, they couldn't decide when or where to send us and we waited for 10 to 15 days," Wood noted.

On January 18, 1991, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Wood received word that they weren't going anywhere.

"This was right before a three-day weekend, and I sent word to my men and I went home," he noted. "As soon as I stepped into my house, the phone was ringing and it was my battalion commander telling me to get my men together and get right back to the base - we were going right away."

Wood made phone calls to get word to his men, and headed back to battalion headquarters. He arrived there at approximately 8:00 p.m. and received a briefing from his colonel.

"He told me we were still going, we would roll in three hours, and that we weren't going to Saudi, we were going to Israel instead.

Wood's battery left Geissen, Germany a few minutes after midnight on January 20, 1991, and convoyed to Rhine Mein Air Force Base where they underwent vehicle inspections to conform to Air Force standards. The battery and their equipment then loaded on the C-5 planes, and left Rhine Mein for a five hour flight to Ben Gurian Airport in Tel Aviv.

"We unloaded our equipment and were escorted by Israeli police to the field site that would be our home for the next few months," Wood noted.

"We set up in a peanut field right outside Tel Aviv. The field was nice and firm when the sun was out, but it got three-feet deep in much when it rained. Needless to say, it rained most of the time we were there," he said.

"Because of the high water in the field due to the rain, it was useless to dig bunkers, so we had very little protection from scud attacks," he explained.

The duty in the peanut field for the battery was a "waiting game" for the soldiers, waiting and trying to figure out when Saddam would send off a scud.

"The occasional 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. siren would catch us a little offguard, but we pretty-much had him figured out.

"The last shots of the conflict were fired toward the end of February," Wood explained, and the troops were "locked up on site".

"After things calmed down, the Israeli forces set up tours for the soldiers, and there were also families in Israel who wanted to take American soldiers into their homes, feed them, and give them a good night's sleep on a real bed," he said.

Once the soldiers were allowed to mingle with the population in Israel, Wood said they began to realize many differences.

"I would guess that 95-percent of the Israel people carry some type of weapon on them at all times, at the shopping mall, while eating, all the time. We weren't allowed to carry our weapons. That put us in an uncomfortable situation knowing they were armed and we weren't," he stated.

Wood said he was proud of the support that the soldiers in the Mid-East Conflict received from the public.

Wood and his battery left Israel on April 5, 1991 on two Pan Am 747

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Wood, front right, talks with officials.

EC Alumna Is Member Of Community College Board

When she came to East Central from the Linwood Community in Neshoba County in 1965, Nell (Allen) Rogers probably never imagined that she would one day be involved in making decisions which would affect the college. Today, however, Ms. Rogers is a member of the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and has input into decisions which affect not only East Central but all the state two-year colleges.

After leaving East Central, Ms. Rogers transferred to Mississippi State University where she received both the B.S. and M.Ed. Degrees. For the past ten years, she has been a planner with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. In that capacity she is responsible for planning grant and contract negotiations for educational programs and for the tribal school system. She is also involved in congressional and federal agency liaison and in public policy analysis for the Tribe.

In addition to her appointment to the Community College Board which runs until 1996, Ms. Rogers is a member of the Hummell Charitable Trust Scholarship Committee, the National Indian Education Association, and the American Education Research Association.

Nell Rogers

In commenting on her remembrances of East Central, Ms. Rogers commented, "My sustaining recollection of East Central is its emphasis on quality instruction. This focus on excellence in the liberal arts has consistently served me well."

Now residing in Philadelphia, Ms. Rogers, in addition to her work with the Choctaw Tribe, enjoys traveling and has travelled extensively in the United States as well as in Canada, Mexico and England.

Two Miss ECCC's In Same Family!

Mrs. Odessa (Barfoot) Cooper of Carthage probably had no idea that when she was elected Miss East Central Junior College in 1931 that she would share the same title with her granddaughter some 60 years later! But that is exactly what happed when her granddaughter, Tam Cooper of Decatur, was chosen Miss ECCC in the fall of 1991. The two are shown above as they discuss the many changes that have taken place on the Decatur campus over the past several decades.

More Wood

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jets enroute back to their base in Germany.

"It was great," said Wood when talking of the flight back to Germany. "As soon as we loaded on the jets and buckled in, the airline began playing a VCR tape of Whitney Houston signing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl. Everyone of us stood up, because we knew we were going home."

Upon arriving back in Germany, the troops unpacked their gear, and set-up the barracks before taking to the tasks of cleaning equipment and resuming normal training routines.

"The soldiers in my battery used to complain about training, wondering why they kept doing it, but now since they've had to use that training in conflict, they know how important it is," he said.

"They know now why we train like we do so we'll be ready when we're called to duty."

Wood arrived in Louisville for a 30-day leave from Germany on September 30, 1991. During his visit, he discussed his tour of duty experience to members of the Louisville Businessmen's Club, the Mississippi State ROTC group, and the East Central Community College Phi Theta group as well as faculty members.

In addition to receiving a combat patch for his tour of duty in the Mid-East, Wood was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the national Defense Service Medal and the Bronze Star. He had previously been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (20LC), the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Ribbon.

He is nephew of Lorene Wood, a retired photographer of Louisville; and Lucille Wood, an instructor at East Central Community College who lives in Louisville.

Wood, who says he plans to make a career out of the Army, noted that he has seven and one-half years of services invested so far.

"Dad has over 25 years of service in the military," he said. "I'm going to see if I can't beat that." - (Dawn Arnold of Winston County Journal contributed to this article.)

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1964 - B. O. Smith, Louisville
1965 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1966 - Henry D. Horton, Louisville
1967 - Crowley Alford, Carthage
1968 - W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
1969 - Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
1970 - Leon Sims, Philadelphia
1971 - Charles Carter, Jackson
1972 - William L. Weems, Jackson
1973 - Arno Vincent, Meridian
1974 - Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
1975 - W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove
1976 - John Risher, Philadelphia
1977 - Jessie Everett, Decatur
1978 - Class of 1928, (First Class)
1979 - Glenn D. Walker, Union
1980 - Russell Walton, (Deceased)
1981 - Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
1982 - Denver Brackeen, Jackson
1983 - Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
1984 - Herman Alford, (Deceased)
1985 - Carl B. Cooper, (Deceased); Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.
1986 - Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia; Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
1987 - Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur; Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, Alabama
1988 - Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville; Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixson, Tennessee
1989 - Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur; Dr. Walterine Bell, Jackson
1990 - Larry Hogue, Flowood; Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
1991 - Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond; Lois Cooper, Decatur

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

1985 - Denver Brackeen, Jackson
1986 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1987 - Billy Wayne Baucum, (Deceased)
1988 - Howard Jean Sessums, (Deceased)
1989 - Lamar Blount, Decatur; Arno Vincent, Meridian; Earl Marshall, Jackson
1990 - Jeff Loper; Richard Harris; Sherrell Ray Marshall
1991 - Larry Henderson; Diana Lyons Jones; Wayne Tullos

INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR

1982 - Ovid Vickers
1983 - Dr. Shelby Harris
1984 - Jessie M. Everett
1985 - Bruce Guraedy; Al Bailey
1986 - Ann Burkes; O. L. Newell
1987 - Tommy Thrash; Chester Clark
1988 - Dr. Richard Ethridge; John Adcock
1989 - Joe Clark; Larry Blackburn
1990 - Lois McMullan; Wallace Keen
1991 - Tom Carson; Ricky Harrison

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1991: Another Successful Year for ECCC!

The year 1991 proved to be another significant period for East Central Community College as the college added new courses, realized record enrollments for the spring and fall terms, and received national recognition for academic excellence in several areas. Various new personnel were also added on the Decatur campus and at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of the two-year institution.

East Central began the 1991 spring semester by adding five new courses -- Nutrition, Engineering Mechanics (Statics), New Testament Survey, Weight Training, and Creative Writing -- to its academic curriculum.

The college also reported a record 1314 students enrolled in day and evening classes offered on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout East Central's five-county district.

The 1314 total for the spring term would later be surpassed by the 1372 enrollment mark reported for the 1991 fall semester.

Probably the most noteworthy accomplishment made by the college during 1991 was the national recognition received for the college's highly regarded counseling program and the selection of an East Central student as an All American Scholar.

The college's Advisement/Intervention Program was chosen as "among the best" by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Small/Rural Community College Commission.

East Central's counseling program involves one academic counselor, two vocational/technical counselors, and 54 faculty advisors. Presently each faculty member is assigned approximately 20 students which allows for a more personal relationship between advisor and student.

A national honor was also presented to Cay Clark of Chunky, a 1991 ECCC graduate, who was selected as one of 20 students nationwide to the 1990-91 Academic All-American Team for Community, Technical and Junior College Students.

The prestigious award is sponsored by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, *USA Today*, and Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for community and junior college students.

For being chosen as an All-American Scholar, Clark appeared on national television and was featured in several national and state publications.

The college added various new personnel during 1991, including Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, Dean of Instruction; Dr. Gerald L. White, Dean of Students; Dr. Thomas D.S. Key, biology instructor; Mrs. Virginia Pace, English instructor and student newspaper sponsor; Marty Cooper, men's basketball coach and student recruiter; Robert U. Green, Jr., automotive mechanics instructor; and Mrs. Joyce Reynolds, child care attendant. New personnel selected at the Philadelphia Vo-Tech Center included Mrs. Tammy Parkes, counselor, and Mrs. Sandra L. Wedgeworth, related studies instructor.

Other highlights of 1991 included:

- Dr. Richard C. Ethridge, social studies instructor and Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences, Business Administration and Education, and sophomore Karla Munn of Decatur were selected the college's representatives for the annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day -- Working for Academic Excellence) program and were among other outstanding college instructors and students honored by the state legislature.

- The college paid a special tribute to military service personnel who were involved in the Persian Gulf War by holding a "We Love America" rally on the Decatur campus. Featured speaker was Brigadier General Denver Brackeen, an East Central alumnus, who served as Special Advisor for Military Affairs for the State of Mississippi.

- A special scholarship fund was approved by the college's Board of Trustees for Anne Courtney Underwoood, whose father, Marine Corps Captain Reg Underwood, was killed in action during the Gulf war. Captain Underwood was married to the former Donda Hill of Forest, an ECCC alumna. Trustees agreed to provide Anne Courtney, who was born on September 29, 1990, a full two-year tuition scholarship should she desire to attend the college following her high school graduation.

- In the annual Who's Who elections, Wesley Barrett of Decatur and Michelle Mitchell of Morton were selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College.

- Students named to the 1991 Mississippi Community and Junior College All-State Band were Lisa Thompson of Louisville, Sid McNeil of Decatur, David Ezell of Union, and Nikki Griffin and Patty Sims, both of Philadelphia.

- The men's basketball team had one of its best seasons in recent memory as the Warriors completed the 1990-91 campaign with a 21-6 record. The Lady Warriors were also successful and posted a 13-9 mark. Both teams participated in the Region 23 Tournament.

- English instructor Ovid Vickers was appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of Teaching English in the Two-Year College, a quarterly publication of the National Council of Teachers of English.

- Several Vocational-Technical students won first place honors at the 1991 Mississippi VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Skill Olympics and Contest. Winners included Keith Body of Carthage, prepared speech; Devon Brantley of Carthage and Tony Willis of Conehatta, masonry; John Knochenmus of Little Rock and Xavier Porter of Forest, cabinetmaking; and John Todd of Hickory, cabinetmaking.

- East Central alumnus Earl Marshall of Clinton was selected the first president of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter Alumni Association. The purpose of the organization is to aid the state's community and junior colleges in four areas: function, facilities, faculty and finance.

- Students named to the 1991 Hall of Fame were Cay Clark of Chunky, Michelle Everett of Hickory, Jim Holder of Union, Michelle Mitchell of Morton, and Karla Munn and Ab Germany, both of Decatur.

- The ECCC Players presented "Li'l Abner" as their spring musical and "Barefoot in the Park" as the fall dinner theater performance.

- Athletes named to the first team All-State squads included (football) defensive lineman Dynassus Buggs of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; fullback Anthony Walker and linebacker Wyatt Williams, both of Demopolis, Alabama; punter Lamont Byrd of Carrollton, Georgia; (basketball) forward Carolyn Boatman of Carthage; forward Tyrone Stowers of Forest; and (baseball) right fielder Wendell Whitehead of Newton and pitcher-outfielder Jon Powers of Westlake, Louisiana. Buggs, Boatman, and Stowers were also chosen on the All Region 23 teams.

- The college's main vocational-technical building was dedicated in honor of Dr. Bradford J. Tucker, retiring dean of instruction, during ceremonies held in May. The facility was renamed the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center to commemorate his 40 years of service on the Decatur campus.

- A record 313 students were candidates for degrees and certificates for the 1991 commencement exercises.

- The college's alumni association named its honorees for the 1991 Homecoming celebration who included Thomas W. Carson, "Academic Instructor of the Year"; Ricky Harrison, "Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year"; Lois Blount Cooper of Decatur, "Alumna of the Year"; and Dr. Clyde Muse of Raymond, "Alumnus of the Year." Those inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame were Larry Henderson of Mobile, Alabama; Diana Lyons Jones of Hattiesburg; and Wayne Tullos of Belle Glade, Florida.

- Selected Homecoming Queen for 1991 was Kim Shirley of Forest.

- Children of the late Fred Preston Dallas and Maudie Threatt Dallas of Philadelphia established a memorial scholarship in honor of their parents which will be awarded to deserving students from Neshoba County to attend East Central Community College.

- The Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Company Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and Emerson Electric Company as a tribute to the college for its many positive contributions to the Thorntons' lives.

- Contributions for various scholarships and fund-raising activities reached a total of approximately $90,000 during 1991.

- Sophomore Christina Wood of Decatur was chosen Most Beautiful during 1991 pageant activities held in Huff Auditorium.

- College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith was presented the keys to a specially equipped van for handicapped students which was donated to the college by Mrs. Leon Sims of Philadelphia. Mrs. Sims made the contribution in honor of her late husband who, although stricken with polio as an infant, maintained a successful accounting practice for many years.

Although there were many highlights during 1991, East Central and the state's other community and junior colleges collectively experienced budget cuts totaling $5 million for the 1991 fiscal year.

The budget cuts were critical to East Central but because of an increase in enrollment and various cost-cutting measures initiated by the college to offset the decrease in funding, East Central was able to maintain a balanced budget at the end of the fiscal period.

In looking ahead to 1992, Dr. Smith said the "most critical" needs for Mississippi's community and junior colleges are financial concerns which include:

- an additional 17.5 million needed by the 15 community and junior colleges to continue current levels of operation;

- an additional 14.3 million needed

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to bring salaries of the state's community and junior college employees to the midpoint level between public schools and universities; and

- an additional 13.1 million needed for program enhancements to facilitate teaching and learning.

"We have many other needs, but those mentioned are critical for the continued survival of two-year colleges as quality institutions of higher education in the state," he said.

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Gulf Coast	Sept. 10 (Thurs.)	6:30	Home
Itawamba	Sept. 17 (Thurs.)	6:30	Home
Co-Lin	Sept. 24 (Thurs.)	7:00	Wesson
Coahoma	Oct. 1 (Thurs.)	6:30	Home
Hinds	* Oct. 10 (Sat.)	2:30	Home
Pearl River	Oct. 17 (Sat.)	2:30	Poplarville
Southwest	Oct. 24 (Sat.)	7:00	Summit
Northwest	Oct. 29 (Thurs.)	7:00	Senatobia
Jones	Nov. 5 (Thurs.)	6:30	Home

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Tournament Champs!

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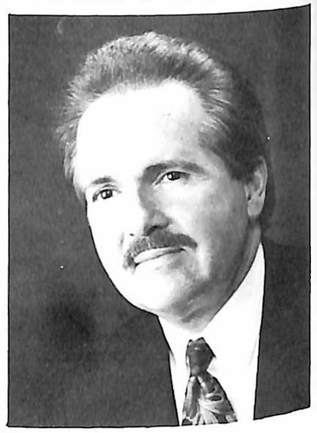
Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On The Cover: ECCC students enjoying a picnic at Turkey Creek Water Park near Decatur. Sitting from left are Gwen Tucker, Lawrence; Jason Cain, Chunky; Memory Hunter, Philadelphia; Deirdre Amis, Conehatta; Yancey Mason, Philadelphia; Robbie Thornton and Carla Leflore, Carthage; Stan Kincaid, Morton; Anna Kerr, Newton; and Carree Tucker, Carthage. Pictured on the back row (from left) are Chasity White and Todd Vowell, both of Louisville; John Herrington, Philadelphia; and Keith Dailey, Louisville.

From The President's Desk



We are very glad to present the 1992 fall edition of *The Warrior*. Our alumni magazine which was first published in 1989 has been well-received by our alumni, colleagues, and friends. Our special thanks go to Bubby Johnston, Ovid Vickers, Carol Vickers, Lucille Wood, and Ann Burkes who have made this publication so successful.

East Central began its 65th year with a high note of optimism. Our enrollment, which stands at 1402, is at a new record high. Since 1985 our enrollment has increased by 71%. And, our college is serving a much broader spectrum of students. Of the 1402 students now enrolled, 36% are 23 years of age or older.

We are now involved in a concerted effort to add more health-related programs at East Central. This year we initiated a new Licensed Practical Nurse program which has 26 students enrolled with two instructors responsible for the teaching and the clinical supervision. Plans are now being formulated to offer a number of other programs to prepare students for employment in various health professions.

Homecoming will be held on October 10. We invite all of our alumni, friends, students, and other guests to join the college administration, faculty, staff, and students for a full day of activities to include class reunions, the Homecoming luncheon, and the football game which will feature the crowning of the Homecoming Queen at halftime. After the game, everyone is invited to a reception to be held in the main dining room of the Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

I want to extend my special congratulations to Alumna of the Year, June Bailey; Alumnus of the Year, Earl Marshall; Academic Instructor of the Year, Ron Davis; Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year, Lester Miles; and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, Evelyn Bender and Joe Clark. Dr. Bert Thompson is being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame posthumously. Our special congratulations go to his family.

We at East Central Community College are very appreciative of the increased funding provided by the Mississippi Legislature and by the counties of our district. The additional revenue that we are receiving this year makes it possible for us to continue to provide the high quality programs and instruction to meet the educational needs of our district.

Our college does continue to need the support of all of our alumni. You are therefore encouraged to become an active member of the ECCC Alumni Association, the Warrior Club, and other support efforts of our college. Your contributions will greatly help as we continue to move onward and upward at East Central Community College.

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East Central Names Honorees for 1992

Outstanding instructors, alumni and inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame for 1992 have been selected at East Central Community College.

Honorees include Ron Davis, Outstanding Academic Instructor of the Year; Lester Miles, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year; June Bailey, Alumna of the Year; Earl Marshall, Alumnus of the Year; and Joe Clark, Evelyn Bender and the late Dr. Bert Thompson who have been named to the Athletic Hall of Fame.

These outstanding individuals will be recognized on Saturday, October 10 at the annual alumni awards luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria as part of Homecoming '92 activities.

RON DAVIS

For someone who never really planned to become a teacher, being chosen Outstanding Academic Instructor has special meaning for Ron Davis.

Davis, who teaches biology, zoology and anatomy and physiology, has been a member of the East Central faculty since 1987. He served the previous 10 years at Meridian Public Schools where he taught science at Magnolia, Carver and Northwest junior high schools. At Northwest he was selected "Teacher of the Year" and served as chairman of the science department.

Davis, a Decatur native, said he enjoys meeting students from the five-county district and elsewhere and getting to know as many as possible. He said he especially likes the challenge of presenting material to his students in a manner they can all understand.

"Teaching is a little like solving a puzzle, and I really enjoy helping students try to put all the pieces together so they can comprehend the whole picture," he said.

Davis said he also tries to keep up with his students' progress when they leave East Central.

"It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to see so many of our students become successful. I know they are receiving a quality education at East Central and that is evident by the large number of former students who become outstanding in their chosen field," Davis said.

Davis, who also teaches summer classes and courses offered at night during the fall and spring semesters, said teaching has almost become "my

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life"; but added teaching is a profession "I enjoy a great deal and I look forward to coming to work each day."

When he is not in the classroom, Davis said he enjoys farm activities, fishing, reading and woodworking. He especially enjoys coaching in the local little league program and helping his ten-year-old son, Matt.

Davis is married to the former Patti Jeffcoat of Forkville, who teaches the gifted program for Newton County Public Schools. She has also taught classes at East Central.

A graduate of Decatur High School, Davis attended ECJC where he played trumpet in the Warrior Band. It was also at EC where Davis met his future wife!

He continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor's degree in biology. He received a master's degree in education with an emphasis in science for Mississippi State University. In addition he has completed 15 hours beyond the master's by taking courses at USM and at MSU.

LESTER MILES

Since 1984, Lester Miles has taught Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, and being selected Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor for 1992 seems most appropriate for the Rolling Fork native.

This school year has already served as a milestone for Miles, whose program has exceeded 20 students for the first time since 1968.

But accomplishments have been many for Miles, who is also proud of the fact that for three straight years his students have won first-place in the State VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) competition.

Miles has been involved with VICA since serving as president of the Mississippi Delta Community College chapter where he was a student in 1978-79. He was also elected to the office of State Parliamentarian. The same year he was selected "Outstanding Vocational Student." He currently serves VICA as national advisor and chapter advisor at East Central.

Not only does he strive to help his students win various state honors while they are enrolled at East Central, but he also has a goal of sending the "best service people possible" into the communities. Miles estimated approximately 100 students have graduated from his program the past eight years with a high percentage gainfully employed throughout the state.

Miles said he "loves teaching" and finds his work "very satisfying." He added he would not even consider being employed anywhere else!

"I really enjoy my work and especially like the folks I work with here at East Central. We all get along so well and have great working relationships," Miles said.

In addition to being a teacher, Miles is also a student at ECCC and will receive an Associate of Arts de-

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gree in May. He is a licensed minister and previously served as pastor of Trinity Worship Center in Union. He is presently a member of the Church of God in Sebastopol.

He is married to the former Susan McCool of Rolling Fork and they have four children: Mrs. Jeff (Lacretia) Pierce, 19; Leslie, 17; Lena, 13; and Lester Miles III, 10.

JUNE BAILEY

As the daughter of a career military officer, June Bailey lived and traveled all over the world. In the fall of 1964, she came to East Central Junior College to begin her post-secondary education. Thus began an association between Ms. Bailey and two-year colleges that exists even today.

Ms. Bailey, this year's Alumna of the Year, has taught various English courses at the Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College since 1969.

In addition, she has been involved for many years with Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. Since 1973, she has served as campus advisor for Omicron Alpha Chapter, named one of the top 10 chapters in the nation for two consecutive years. In 1978, she was selected Regional Coordinator (MS-TN-LA). With her new title, she became responsible for planning leadership conferences and regional conventions.

Because of her outstanding leadership in the Phi Theta Kappa organization, she was chosen one of two regional coordinators in the United States to receive the Distinguished Coordinator Award for the 1991-92 school year.

For Ms. Bailey, receiving honors and recognition for her many accomplishments is nothing new for the former ECJC Salutatorian.

As a student at East Central, she maintained a superior grade point average and soon began her first involvement with PTK when she was inducted into Theta Xi Chapter. She was elected a chapter officer her sophomore year. In recognition of her scholastic achievement and leadership potential, the Wo-He-Lo named Ms. Bailey as one of six outstanding sophomore students in the 1965-66 edition of that publication.

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More Honorees

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After graduating from East Central in 1966, Ms. Bailey transferred to the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a bachelor's degree in English and graduated summa cum laude. She accepted a graduate assistantship at USM and later completed her master's degree. In addition, she has taken 36 hours of doctoral level courses.

Along with her involvement with PTK, Ms. Bailey is also active in many professional organizations. She is a member of the Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-Year College, the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English, the Jefferson Davis Faculty Association, the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association, the Gulf Coast Community College Alumni Association, the Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association, and Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Women's Service Organization. She is also a lifetime member of the East Central Community College Alumni Association.

Although she has been employed by Gulf Coast for over 23 years, she said she "never forgets" that East Central is "her" college.

"My love of East Central and the two-year college system began on the Decatur campus in 1964. I have now taught in the community college system for 23 years. Though I was just following family tradition when I came to college, since my father (Clinton J. Bailey, Class of '40) went to East Central, I always tell my classes how lucky they are to be in a two-year college. There is so much one-on-one between students and instructors on this level. I found that to be true at East Central, and I foster that at Gulf Coast. What I learned at ECJC and what I have tried to teach my students is a line my father taught me from Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem "Ulysses"; 'To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

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While the motto of the college is "With You In Mind," June Bailey reverses that slogan by always keeping East Central in her mind and in the minds of those with whom she associates.

EARL MARSHALL

No one has taken a more active role in support of his alma mater than the 1992 recipient of the Alumnus of the Year award.

Earl Marshall, whose accomplishments on the gridiron were recognized during his 1989 induction into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame, has given of his time and energy in assisting with various college endeavors. He has also provided financial support for athletics and other fund-raising projects.

The Clinton resident initiated the first East Central Community College alumni meeting in the Jackson area held in 1988 with a large gathering in attendance. During the same year, Marshall chaired a committee to form a support group for the college's athletic program, which became known as The Warrior Club. Since its inception, over $10,000 has been raised, thanks to Marshall's involvement and leadership.

He served as president of the ECCC Alumni Association during 1989-90 with many progressive activities being carried out under his leadership. A lifetime member of the Alumni Association, Marshall was selected to serve on the Association's Board of Directors the following year.

Marshall has recently initiated a project of working with area banking institutions in providing tuition scholarship for students residing in the ECCC district. He personally visited each of the 12 banks in the five-county area in an effort to establish the scholarship program and provide an opportunity for worthy students to attend college. As of this date, Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, The Carthage Bank and Eastover Bank for Savings have funded tuition scholarships for the 1992-93 school year. Other district banks are also considering providing such scholarships of the 1993-94 term.

His involvement in the two-year college goes beyond his support for East Central, as Marshall was selected the first president of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Association in 1990. And he did such an effective job he was re-elected to a second term! As Association president, he has helped conduct workshops for alumni association directors and community and junior college foundation directors throughout the state. In addition, he has served as a lobbyist to the Mississippi Legislature on behalf of the state's community and junior college faculty association. Most recently, he has been named to the Inter-Alumni Council for Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning for 1992-93.

Why has Marshall been so actively involved in supporting East Central Community College?

"The best way I can explain it is -- it's payback time! I have never forgotten the fact that if it had not been for the football scholarship I received at East Central, I would not have had the opportunity to attend college. I am very appreciative of what East Central has done for me and the least I can do is offer what I can in return. Also -- and probably most importantly -- it was while I was a student at East Central that I met my future wife, Bobbie Jones of Forest, to whom he has been married 34 years. So obviously East Central is very special to me for many reasons," Marshall said.

Marshall began his association with East Central in 1954, following his graduation from Philadelphia High School.

He was a two-year starter during the 1954 and 1955 seasons, playing offensive and defensive end. In addition, he was a special teams member and became known as a "60-minute man"; those who played the entire game!

Marshall's athletic abilities did not go unnoticed as he was named honorable mention All-State as a freshman and received first team All-State honors his sophomore season.;

He also found time to be involved in campus activities and was selected sophomore class president.

He continued his athletic career at Mississippi Southern College (University of Southern Mississippi) although he had originally committed to Florida State University. (He decided to "stay home" in Mississippi rather than attend college in another state.)

At Southern, Marshall was a member of the 1956 team, which had an 8-1-1 record, and the 1957 squad, which posted a 7-2 mark. Both years the Golden Eagles played in the Tangerine Bowl.

After graduating from Southern in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in physical education, Marshall served in the Army from 1958-60, which included a 16-month tour of duty in Frankfurt, Germany.

When he left the Army, he began his career as a teacher and assistant football coach at Crystal Springs High School, where he served until 1963. He was then named head football coach and athletic director at Tylertown High School, and after a three-year stint he was selected head junior high football coach in Baker, Louisiana. Marshall led the young athletes to an undefeated season and a parish championship in 1967, his final year of coaching.

Marshall gave up his coaching career when Governor John Bell Williams appointed him as Assistant Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, a post he served until 1972.

After he left the state government post, Marshall became associated with Lincoln National Life and has successfully serviced the insurance company for over 19 years. As a representative of the Auburn C. Lamberth and Associates Agency, Marshall has received several honors for his high volume of insurance sales. He has twice been named to the state's leading salesman and has been recognized for membership in the company's prestigious 1% Club, as he placed ninth among 4,000 agents. He is also a recipient of the National Quality Award and National Sales Achievement Award.

When he is not working on various projects for East Central or selling insurance, Marshall also devotes a great deal of time for his "other" favorite alma mater, the University of Southern Mississippi.

He served as president of the USM Alumni Association during 1979-80 and was "M-Club" Alumni Association president for 1986-87. He was inducted as a charter member of the USM Alumni Hall of Fame in 1987. Marshall Served as Eagle Club president in 1991 and the same year was inducted into the USM Sports Hall of Fame.

Marshall has also maintained a strong commitment to civic and reli-

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More Honorees

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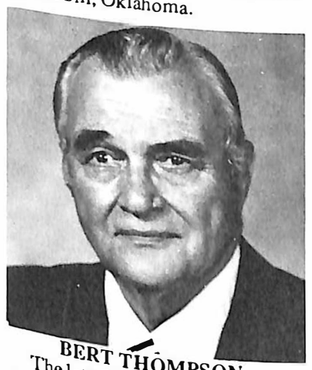
gious endeavors in each community in which he has lived. He was an active member of Jaycee chapters in Walthall County, Baton Rouge and Jackson; the Clinton Touchdown Club and served in various leadership roles for the Boy Scouts. He is a member of Clinton Methodist Church where he served on the administrative board.

His wife, Bobbie, is assistant principal of Northside Elementary School in Clinton and has 27 years experience as teacher/principal.

The Marshalls have three sons: Michael, a stockbroker with A.G. Edwards & Sons in Jackson; Mickey, employed in a management capacity at Jeffreys Steel Company in Mobile; and Robert, an Army 1st Lt. stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.



BERT THOMPSON

The late Dr. Bert Thompson was an outstanding member of the 1940 and 1941 Warrior football teams, and his posthumous induction into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame "would please him greatly," said his widow, Mary Etta of Clinton.

"Bert really loved East Central and never failed to tell folks how wonderful it was to attend a junior college before going to a university. He always looked for people associated with East Central and was so glad to discover a lot of EC graduates living in the Clinton area. He had a lot of enjoyment talking about East Central with other alumni. Yes, he had many happy memories about East Central," she said.

Dr. Thompson died March 26, 1992. He was a retired school of education dean at Mississippi College, a post he held from 1976-87.

Thompson began his athletic career at S.D. Lee High School in Columbus where the standout guard/tackle was selected All-State and All Big "8" Conference. He was a member of the 1936 squad which won a national championship.

He received a scholarship to East Central where he again earned All-State honors. He was also a popular student, as he was elected a campus favorite.

After graduation, Thompson joined the Air Force as an aviation cadet and was sworn in at Columbus Air Force Base on June 9, 1942. He completed his military duty in November, 1945.

When he returned from active duty, he was given a football scholarship to the University of Mississippi and played during the 1946 season.

After earning the first of three degrees from Ole Miss in 1947, he returned to Columbus to coach football and teach history for the 1947-48 school year. He was later principal at Amory Elementary School where he also coached football from 1948-50. During this same period, he married the former Mary Etta Powell of Dundee, a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women (MUW).

In 1950 he earned his master's degree and was selected principal and football coach at Aberdeen High School where he led teams to two district championships and one Little Ten Conference Championship during a seven-year period. In 1956 he was selected principal at Greenville High School and later became assistant superintendent then superintendent. During this same period he received a doctoral degree in education. He left Greenville in 1976 to become education dean at Mississippi College.

Before he retired in 1986, Dr. Thompson served 40 years as an educator and was "much loved and respected by faculty and students" according to his colleagues.

Dr. Thompson was active in various organizations and served as president of the Mississippi Principals Association, Mississippi Council of Public Schools, Mississippi Association of School Administrators, and the Mississippi Education Association.

He was a member of the President Richard M. Nixon's Commission on School Finance, Governor Cliff Finch's School Finance Group, Mississippi Economic Council Education Committee, Mississippi Commission of Proprietary School and College Registration Board, and the Newcomen Society of the United States.

He served as vice chairman of Governor Bill Waller's School Finance Study Group and coordinator for Danforth's School Administrators Fellowship Program.

In addition, Dr. Thompson was a member of The Warrior Club at East Central Community College.

Survivors besides his wife include sons Bill, an investments counselor with IM&R and David, a singer/musician both of Clinton; and a daughter, Mrs. Mark (Mary Anne) Rankin of Clinton, a homemaker turned law school student; and four grandchildren.

JOE CLARK

Although he was a key member of winning basketball teams and later led successful programs as a high school and college coach, Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Joe Clark takes greater pride in the success his players achieved later in life than any personal accomplishments he may have had on the basketball court.

"It means a lot to me that membership in the Athletic Hall of Fame is not only measured in wins and losses. I value the fact that so many of my players transferred to universities and became successful in all walks of life," Clark said.

Among Clark's former players who became coaches are: Bill Lea, Dale Williamson, Herman Coats, Max Munn, Haywood Reeves, Keith Branning, Robert Dorman, Larry Gressett, Allen Harrison, R. L. Gilmer, Dennis Walton, Pat Donald, Steve Nelson, Steve Harber, Ray Perry, Rodney Tadlock, David Blount, Tommy McCool, Billy Mac Wilbanks, Phil Shephard, and Sammy Pace, current Lady Warrior head coach.

Former players who became medical doctors include Keith Everett and Bill Wheeler while Stan Clark, Gary Gordon and Keith Parker earned doctorates in other fields.

Stanley Salter and Joel Nelson became bankers while Sam Nowell, Sid Williams and Mac Hall are successful in business. Morgan Brackeen and David Bane became lawyers with James Wood and Buck McDonald experiencing successful military careers.

The former athletes mentioned are just a sampling of the many outstanding citizens who have been influenced by Joe Clark as a coach and teacher.

Clark first discovered his love of basketball while growing up in Neshoba County. He attended Linwood High School, and his talents were sharp enough that East Central coach Clayton Blount offered the 6'3" forward a scholarship.

The Warriors found great success during the 1954-55 season by capturing the Region 7 championship and finishing fourth in the nation following tournament competition in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Clark said his most memorable moment as an EC player was when the Warriors played in the national tournament.

"I tell ya, it's a long way from Linwood to Hutchinson, and I'm just not talking about distance, either! There were probably 10,000 fans watching us country boys play basketball. It was really exciting," he said.

Other team members were Wayne Tullos, an All-American selection who last year was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame; Darrell Thomas, Leo Russell, Henry Crocker, Joe Lee Johnson, Morris Hurst, James Griffin, Johnny Alexander and A.G. Robinson. Managers were Tom Burt and Glenn Miles.

Clark said all the players were from East Central's five-county district.

Clarke said his "best" game actually came the following year, when he scored 21 points and led East Central to a win over Hinds.

After completing his education at East Central, Clark transferred to Livingston State where he was a two-year starter. His senior year Livingston experienced its first winning campaign in several years.

Clark said a game that really "stands out" while he played at Livingston was a contest his junior year at Florence, Alabama in which the team had to play the last six minutes with just four players. The reason the game is so memorable is that Clark made the last 10 points -- he made five straight jump shots to hold on for the victory!

Clark began his coaching career at Zama and Edinburg high schools before taking over the East Central program in 1963. He led the Warriors through the 1975-76 season. His most memorable season was in 1968-69, when his squad won a preseason tournament and posted a 20-7 mark. Team members that year were Sammy Pace, Grady Boozer, Robert Donnan, Art Fulton, Gary Gordon, Larry Gressett, Glenn Hill, Ben Johnson, Kenny McCrory, Buddy McDaniel, Keith Madison, Danny

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As a fellow coach remarked, "Joe does what needs to be done, not only for athletics but for the college as well. And he always performs his duties in an effective manner and in good spirit."

Clark is married to the former Carolyn Johnson of Zama who teaches in the Newton County Public School System. They have three sons: Stan, Chris and Kevin, who are all ECCC graduates.

EVELYN BENDER

Even though she was a member of a high school team which did not win a single game her senior year, Evelyn Bender's talents in the basketball court still attracted attention from college recruiters.

As an All-District and All-Conference selection and a participant in the annual All-Star game, the Newton High School product scored a career high 45 points in one contest during her 1974-75 senior year, only to see her squad fall a few points from victory. But when she arrived at East Central the following fall, not only did her teams win games, Bender and her fellow Warriorettes would eventually win the State Championship her sophomore season.

The two-time All-State performer is an obvious choice for induction in the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Bender, affectionately referred to as "Snoopy" during her college career, said she is "most appreciative" of the East Central honor. She said she has many fond memories of her time spent on the Decatur campus.

"It was a big adjustment for me coming to East Central from high school, mainly because there were so many talented players in the league. I will always be appreciative to Coach (Lucille) Wood for giving me a scholarship even though she had never seen me play ball. She just signed me on hearsay, based on the recommendation of Coach (James) Nelson and Mr. (Denver) Brackeen," Bender said.

Bender said she originally planned to attend Meridian Junior College but Coach Wood convinced her to sign with East Central.

The two years spent on the Decatur campus were filled with many memorable moments for Bender, who said a "highlight" was the North Division title game her sophomore season with Itawamba, unbeaten at the time and the defending state champion.

Trailing 39-34 with time running out before halftime, East Central rebounded a missed Itawamba attempt and started a fast break.

In the words of Meridian Star sports reporter Billy Turner, Bender "took the outlet pass, strode two meager steps across the time line, and fired smartly toward the basket with but two seconds left on the clock. As the buzzer sounded, the ball banked off the glass and shot through the hoop."

Bender said following her long-range bucket a tremendous roar came from the East Central side while the Itawamba bench was simply in shock by her missile-fired two-pointer. (In those days there was no three-point goal; which, had it been in effect, Bender's scoring total would have been much higher, as many of her shots were from today's three-point range and beyond.)

Although Itawamba still led the division champion battle (39-36), Bender's long-range basket seemed to turn the game around, and the East Central women would eventually take advantage of the swing in momentum.

The Warriorettes iced the North title when Donna Carter's layup with 16 seconds remaining gave EC an 81-80 win.

All five East Central starters had outstanding performances with each scoring in double figures. Bender led the offensive attack with 24 points followed by Diana Lyons with 30; Carter, 14, Jeannette Barnes, 12; and Julie Latham, 11.

Following their North title victory in the East Mississippi Community College gym, the Warriorettes hosted state tournament action and began semi-final competition against Copiah-Lincoln.

After claiming victory over the Lady Wolves, the Warriorettes set the stage for a rematch with Itawamba.

The score remained tight throughout most of the title matchup, until East Central outscored the Lady Indians 19-10 in the final five minutes enroute to an 86-77 decision. Bender, described as "probably the most valuable player in the state", scored 10 points in the final five-minute stretch and had 26 on the night.

East Central, which finished the season with an 18-5 record, was not eligible to advance to Regional competition due to the fact the college did not, at that time, belong to the National Junior College Athletic Association. Bender said it was especially "heartbreaking" for the team when the season had to end without having the opportunity to advance to further tournament play.

Bender, selected team co-captain, finished her East Central career by scoring 1081 points. She still holds many records - including most field goals in a game (20) and best two-year average (25.7). She was a first team All-State selection both years, having been chosen the unanimous first choice both seasons.

When she was not playing basketball, Bender became involved in her "second" favorite sport, tennis. For two years she was a member of the varsity tennis squad, even though she never played the sport until she came to the Decatur campus.

After East Central, Bender received a scholarship to Jackson State University which won a regional championship and captured top honors in the National Black College Tournament while Bender was a player.

Bender, who averaged about 15 points per game at JSU, said her most memorable moment came when the Lady Tigers came within two points of beating Delta State, a perennial power then coached by the legendary Margaret Wade, in the finals of a MAIAW state tournament held on the Cleveland campus.

"I had a lot of respect for Coach Wade and really wanted us to beat Delta State. We came real close but just couldn't pull it off," Bender said.

Following her JSU career, Bender participated in the Women's Professional League and was drafted by a team in Washington, D.C. However, the Washington squad folded and Bender signed with the New York Stars which played in Madison Square Garden. She was a publicized player and stayed in New York until the team folded due to financial reasons.

Bender later returned to JSU where she worked on her master's degree and served as a trainer for the football and basketball teams.

She returned to Newton High School in 1986 where she continues to serve as coach of the junior high girls' basketball team and high school girls' track squad. Her basketball squad has won an invitational tournament and the track team has placed in district competition on several occasions. She also serves as an assistant high school girls' basketball coach, physical education instructor, and school bus driver. And in the summer months, she is director of the Newton Recreation department where she oversees the baseball program for the past three years.

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She said she credits Coach Wood for being such a strong influence in her life, and for having enough faith in her ability to sign here into a basketball scholarship.

Record of Alumni Awards

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

1964 - B. O. Smith, Louisville
1965 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1966 - Henry D. Horton, Louisville
1967 - Crowley Alford, Carthage
1968 - W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
1969 - Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
1970 - Leon Sims, Philadelphia
1971 - Charles Carter, Jackson
1972 - William L. Weems, Jackson
1973 - Arno Vincent, Meridian
1974 - Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
1975 - W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove
1976 - John Risher, Philadelphia
1977 - Jessie Everett, Decatur
1978 - Class of 1928, (First Class)
1979 - Glenn D. Walker, Union
1980 - Russell Walton, (Deceased)
1981 - Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
1982 - Denver Brackeen, Jackson
1983 - Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
1984 - Herman Alford, (Deceased)
1985 - Carl B. Cooper, (Deceased); Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.
1986 - Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia; Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
1987 - Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur; Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, Alabama
1988 - Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville; Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixson, Tennessee
1989 - Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur; Dr. Walterine Bell, Jackson
1990 - Larry Hogue, Flowood; Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
1991 - Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond; Lois Cooper, Decatur
1992 - Earl Marshall, Clinton; June Bailey, Gulfport

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

1985 - Denver Brackeen, Union
1986 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1987 - Billy Wayne Baucum, (Deceased)
1988 - Howard Jean Sessums, (Deceased)
1989 - Lamar Blount, Decatur; Arno Vincent, Meridian; Earl Marshall, Jackson
1990 - Jeff Loper, Decatur; Richard Harris, Hickory; Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson
1991 - Larry Henderson, Mobile; Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs; Wayne Tullos, Belle Glade, FL
1992 - Evelyn Bender, Newton; Joe Clark, Decatur; Dr. Bert Thompson, (Deceased)

INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR

1982 - Ovid Vickers
1983 - Dr. Shelby Harris
1984 - Jessie M. Everett
1985 - Bruce Guraedy; Al Bailey
1986 - Ann Burkes; O. L. Newell
1987 - Tommy Thrash; Chester Clark
1988 - Dr. Richard Ethridge; John Adcock
1989 - Joe Clark; Larry Blackburn
1990 - Lois McMullan; Wallace Keen
1991 - Tom Carson; Ricky Harrison
1992 - Ron Davis; Lester Miles

1992 WARRIOR CLUB CONTRIBUTORS (through August, 1992)

Super Braves

S.R. Marshall
Truman Manning
Earl Marshall
Jim Nabers
John Rushing
Jim Wood
Daniel E. Yarbrough

Braves

Billy S. Barnes
Tom Burt
Patsy D. Clark
James L. Crosby
Wyatt J. Davis
Ide Dickens
T.H. Etheridge
Max G. Herrington
Jeff Loper
Ted Marshall
Gaines Massey
Dr. Clyde Muse
Jimmy Rea
Gary L. Risher
Dr. Leo Russell
W. E. Tabor
Charles O. Walter
Billy Joe Watkins

Young Braves

John Blackstone
Mars, Mars, and Mars
Sam Nowell
Billy Ray Smith
Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Robert Thomas
Edward Williamson

Papoose

Steve Anderson
Richard P. Ballard
Steve Breland
Benny Cherry
Mrs. W.M. Commander - (In memory of Dr. Willard M. Commander, Class of '36)
Tom Crosswell
Eugene Earp
Mrs. Geraldine W. FIck
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Bill Griffis
Richard Harris
Larry Houge
Mrs. J.B. Keenan
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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 10, 1992

9:00 A.M. Registration of Guests Begins - Sullivan Center

10:00 A.M. Reunion Groups Meet

1. 1961-62 Warrior Men's Basketball Team - Room 60 - Newton Hall
2. 1971-72 Warrior Football Team Meets - Room 60 - Newton Hall
3. 1971-72 Cheerleaders - Room 60 - Newton Hall
4. Cast of 1972 Musical "Annie Get Your Gun", Home Economics Department
5. Cast of 1982 Musical "Carousel", Library Conference Room
6. 1982 (Fall) Band Members
6. All Classes Ending in "2"
   - Class of 1932 - Diamond Anniversary, Fine Arts Lounge
   - Class of 1942 - Golden Anniversary, Fine Arts Auditorium
   - Class of 1952 - Fine Arts - Music Library
   - Class of 1962 - Library - Faculty Room
   - Class of 1972 - Newton Hall - Room 105 (Second Floor)
   - Class of 1982 - Library Reading Area
   - Class of 1992 - Newton Hall Faculty Lounge

11:00 A.M. The Warrior Club - All Former Athletes and Current Supporters of Athletics at East Central - Room 60 - Newton Hall

11:30 A.M. Luncheon for Head Table Guests

12:00 Noon Alumni Luncheon

2:30 P.M. Football Game - Warrior Stadium - ECCC Warriors vs. Hinds Community College Eagles - Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court and Distinguished Alumni

After Game Reception - Mabry Cafeteria - Alumni, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students and Friends are Invited

Monday-Friday, October 5-9, Homecoming Tennis Tournament

Friday - 4:30 p.m. - October 9, Homecoming Golf Tournament

Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - October 10, Homecoming 5 K Fun Run

Several New Faces Join East Central Staff

East Central welcomed several new personnel at the beginning of the 1992 fall term.

New administrators include Mickey Vance, business manager, and Michael Dearing, director of the physical plant.

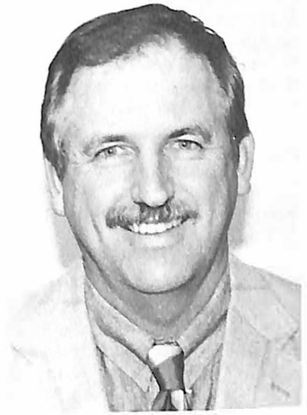
MICKEY VANCE

Vance, a certified public accountant, previously served as assistant agreement compliance coordinator at Bluebonnet Savings Bank FSB in Dallas, Texas. He is also a former professional liability investigator for Resolution Trust Corporation in Dallas; a thrift examiner/analyst for Federal Home Loan Bank/Office of Thrift Supervision in Dallas; and assistant comptroller at Plano Savings and Loan in Plano, Texas. In addition, his work experience includes employment at the Certified Public Accountant firm of Dan R. Lee in Newton, and William H. Gillon III, in Natchez where he was responsible for accounting records and tax issues at each firm. Vance began his career for the Gulf Oil Corporation in New Orleans where he prepared tax returns and monitored balance sheets. In all, he brings over 10 years experience to his new position.

Vance is a graduate of Newton County Academy, East Central Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi. At USM, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting.

He is married to the former Natalie Dunn of Natchez, and they have a son, Jordan, 2. The couple is expecting a second child in October. His parents are Lucy and Durward Vance of Newton.

Dearing previously served as plant manager and plant safety coordinator at Mosby's Packing Company in Meridian. His work experience also includes stints as road crew foreman



MIKE DEARING

for American Field Construction in Jackson, and production line supervisor and quality control coordinator at Sara Lee Bakery in Forest.

Since 1967 he has been a member of the Mississippi National Guard and currently serves as First Sergeant of the 4/114th Field Artillery unit HHB in Newton.

In addition, he operated a dairy farm in Newton for 20 years.

He is a graduate of Newton High School, East Central Community College, and Mississippi State University. In addition, he has completed a 40-hour course on front line leadership at Sales and Management Training of Atlanta, Inc.

Dearing is married to the former Wanda Barnes of Chicago, and they have two sons: Michael Wayne, 22 and Jason, 20.

A new addition on the college's professional staff is Sheila Terrell who has been named vocational-technical (special populations) counselor.

Terrell previously served as residence manager and academic counselor at Hinds Community College where she was also a mathematics tutor for the Upward Bound Program.

She is a graduate of Heidelberg High school, Jones County Junior College, and Jackson State University. At JSU, she received a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in education with emphasis in counseling.

Her parents are Chester and Rosie Terrell of Vossburg.

New faculty members include Ms. Juanita West, English instructor and yearbook sponsor; and Mrs. Kathy Evans and Mrs. Sandra Thomas, both licensed practical nurse instructors.

SHEILA TERRELL

JUANITA WEST

West, a former adjunct instructor for East Central, previously held several positions at Clarke College including English, speech and drama instructor. Her adjunct teaching has also included classes for Meridian Community College and for William Carey College. She also has high school teaching experience, having taught at Hickory and Scott Central attendance centers. In all, West has almost 25 years teaching experience.

Miss West is a graduate of Yazoo City High School, Clarke College, William Carey College where she received a bachelor's degree in speech, and the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received a master's degree in communication. She has also attended the University of Missouri and Mississippi State University where she received an AA certification in English.

Evans and Thomas bring over 20 years experience to the College's LPN Program, offered for the first time this semester.

KATHY EVANS

Mrs. Evans was previously employed as school nurse for Newton County Schools. She earlier served as registered nurse and supervisor at the Lauderdale County Health Department. In addition, she was a staff member of Briseno Medical-Surgical Clinic in Bay Springs and Jasper County Hospital, also located in Bay Springs.

She is a graduate of Heidelberg High School, Jones County Junior College, and the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a bachelor's degree in nursing and was a highest honors graduate. She also attended East Central Community College and the Meridian branch of Mississippi State University.

She has two children: Ken, 5 and Christopher, 2.

Mrs. Thomas previously served as a registered nurse, facilitator and unit educator at F.G. Riley Hospital in Meridian. She received additional experience at Jeff Anderson Memorial Hospital, Anderson's Pharmacy and Point Rexall Drugs, all located in Meridian.

In addition, she has served on medical missions to Bolivia on several occasions.

She is a graduate of Meridian High School and Meridian Commu-

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nity College where she received an associate degree in nursing. She has also received CPR certification.

SANDRA THOMAS

Mrs. Thomas and her husband, Larry, a mechanic with Miller Transporters of Meridian, have two children: Bruce, 19, an ECCC student, and Tyler, 14, a student at Newton County Schools.

The college also welcomed new assistant football coaches for first-year head coach Reese Bridgman who began his new duties last spring.

TOMMY SPILLMAN

Named as offensive coordinator is Tommy J. Spillman, a Gloster native, who was previously employed at Abbeville (Louisiana) High School. At Abbeville, his responsibilities ranged from coaching wide receivers and offensive backs to serving as offensive coordinator and athletic director. During his three-year stint, Spillman also served as head baseball coach and was chosen "District Coach of the Year" by the Abbeville Meridional daily newspaper following the 1989-90 campaign.

He is also a former assistant baseball coach and offensive backfield coach at Georgia Southwestern in Americus, Georgia, and a former assistant football coach and head basketball and baseball coach at Silliman High School in Clinton, Louisiana. He guided the 1986 baseball team to its most wins (18) in school history.

At East Central, Spillman's main responsibility will be directing the offensive and coaching running backs, quarterbacks and receivers.

Spillman will also serve the college as assistant director of student activities.

He is a graduate of Pine Hills High School in Gloster, Southwest Mississippi Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. At USM he received a bachelor's degree in athletic administration and coaching. He also attended Louisiana State University and has taken additional courses at Georgia Southwestern College.

He is married to the former Kimberly Propst of Centreville and they have an infant daughter, Ashleigh.

KELVIN LYONS

Serving as defensive coordinator and defensive backfield coach is Kelvin Lyons who was a standout athlete at Neshoba Central High School, East Central and Emporia State University.

He was a four-sport letterman in high school and became an All Region 23, All-State and All-South selection his sophomore year at East Central. The outstanding defensive back also participated in the annual All Star game. He received honorable mention All-State honors as a freshman.

After graduating from East Central, Lyons received a scholarship to Emporia State where he was an all conference performer his junior and senior years and was the second leading tackler both seasons.

Before coming to East Central, Lyons, a nationally certified trainer and member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, was a supervisor of health clubs in the Chicago area.

He also served as a graduate assistant when Emporia competed for the NAIA Division I Championship in 1989.

In addition to his football duties, Lyons serves as VIDS instructor.

CHUCK MAXIE

Named as a graduate assistant is Chuck Maxie who will coach offensive lineman and serve as strength coach.

Maxie previously served as an offensive and defensive line coach at North Forrest High School. He has also served as a graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi and was an intern at the University of Florida.

A former competitive power lifter, Maxie has won several statewide events. He is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

He is a graduate of North Forrest High School where he was an All-District offensive and defensive lineman. He played center at Pearl River Community College and later attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology. He nears completion of a master's degree in strength and conditioning.

Fredrick Lyons, an instructor in the college's carpentry and cabinetmaking department, is serving as a volunteer assistant coach. His area of responsibility will be coaching the defensive line and assisting with special teams.

FREDRICK LYONS

A former East Central football player, Lyons was an offensive lineman during his sophomore season.

He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and East Central Community College. In addition he has completed further studies at ECCC and Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Lynda Clemons of Philadelphia and they have three children: Deshaun, Fredrick Jr., and Constance.

The college has also announced the selection of two new adjunct faculty members, Bill Lovett, who teaches psychology and oral communication classes, and Mrs. Wilma Spritzer, who teaches Spanish I and II.

GLENDA CARTER

A new staff member is Mrs. Glenda Cater who serves as receptionist and secretary to the director of adult and continuing education.

Mrs. Cater was previously employed at Eastover Bank for Savings in Decatur.

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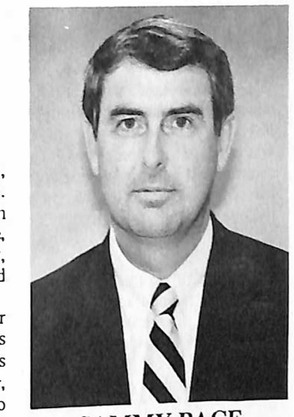
Sammy Pace Named ECCC Athletic Coordinator



SAMMY PACE

Sammy Pace, head coach of the East Central Community College women's basketball team, has been assigned the additional duties of athletic coordinator, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Pace began his new duties on July 1, 1992.

Dr. Smith, who praised Coach Pace for the excellent job he has done as a coach and teacher, said the new administrator has a great deal of knowledge concerning community college athletics and will well represent East Central in his new position.

Pace said he "looks forward" to serving as athletic coordinator and working with other members of the college's coaching staff, who include Marty Cooper, men's basketball; Reese Bridgman, head football coach; Tommy Spillman, assistant football coach; Jamie Clark, baseball; and Joe Clark, who directs tennis and golf teams.

Pace has led the Lady Warriors to an overall 101-65 mark the past six seasons. He also serves as an instructor of sociology.

Before coming to East Central, Pace had an outstanding high school coaching career as he compiled an overall 134-57 record at Hickory, Scott Central and Sebastopol schools.

He is a graduate of Lake High School, East Central Junior College, and Mississippi State University, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Pace is married to the former Virginia Barrett of Forest who teaches English at ECCC and serves as sponsor of the campus newspaper, The Tom Tom. They have two daughters, Amy and Jennifer.

New Faces —

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She is a graduate of East Central Community College.

She and her husband, Bruce, have two sons: Neil, 13 and Nathan, 10.

New faculty members at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division at East Central Community College, are James McNair, auto mechanics instructor, and Richard Rushing, metal trades instructor.

McNair, a former auto mechanics instructor on the Decatur campus, previously served as service manager at Tom Brooks Chrysler in Carthage.

The Decatur resident has extensive work experience in the field of automotive service, including over 13 years experience as a self-employed owner/operator of an auto mechanics shop.

A graduate of Decatur High School, McNair has attended Central State University in Oklahoma, the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, East Central Community College and the Alaska Vocational-Technical Education Center in Seward, Alaska.

He is certified in Automotive Service Excellence.

Rushing, a Louisville resident, was previously employed by the Spartus Corporation where he served as junior tooling engineer, quality assurance lab technician and material handler.

He is a graduate of Noxapater High School and East Central Community College. He is currently enrolled as a senior in the industrial technology program at Mississippi State University and will graduate in May, 1993.

ECCC Enrollment Tops 1400 Mark

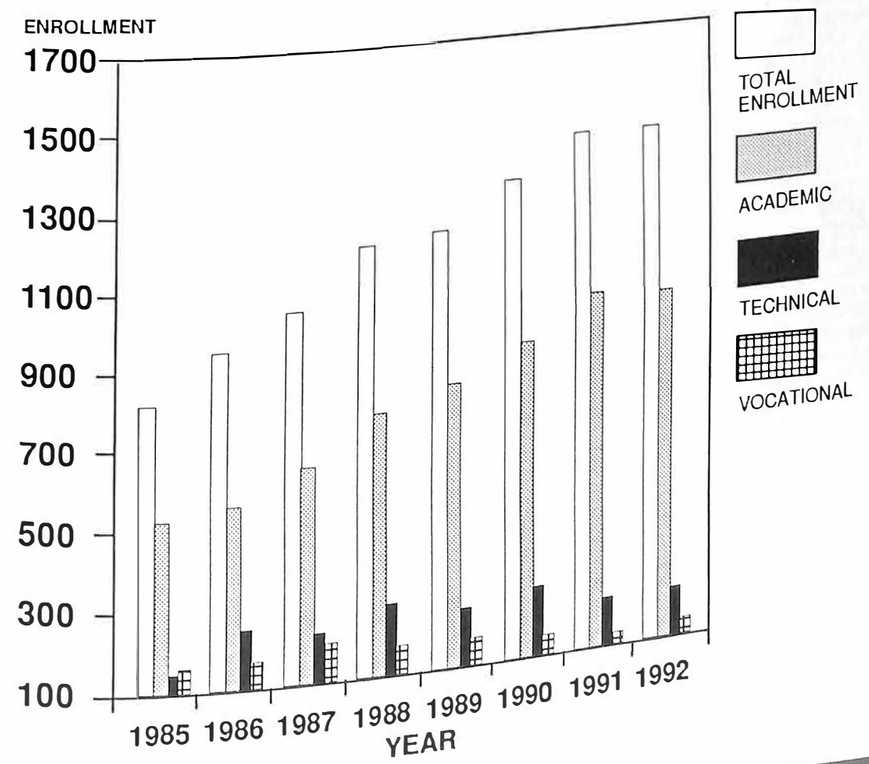
A record enrollment has been reported for the 1992 fall semester at East Central, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said 1402 students are registered in day and evening classes, which represents a slight increase as compared to the 1395 enrollment figure for the 1991 fall term.

Included in this year's enrollment total are 651 academic full-time students, 149 technical full-time students, 150 vocational day students, 44 academic part-time day students, 7 technical part-time day students, and 401 students are enrolled in evening courses in Decatur and other locations throughout the five-county district.

McMullan noted that 506 of the 1402 students are 23 years of age or older. The total also includes 802 females and 600 males.

ENROLLMENT COMPARISON
1985-1992



Resolution Honors Clinton Russell

Clinton Russell, who retired as director of the college's physical plant last May after 28 years of service, was honored this summer with a reception held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Smith. In addition, the college's Board of Trustees paid tribute to Russell in a resolution which reads as follows:

Whereas Clinton Russell, esteemed graduate of East Central Community College and Director of the Physical Plant for the past 28 years, has tendered his resignation effective May 29, 1992, and

Whereas Clinton Russell is held in high esteem by his superiors, peers, and subordinates because of his untiring efforts on behalf of the College, and

Whereas Clinton Russell has worked dependably, tirelessly, and selflessly to keep the physical plant and grounds of the College attractive and in a state of good repair, and

Whereas Clinton Russell has provided an excellent example for all through his caring, gentlemanly, and ethical manner, and

Whereas Clinton Russell has demonstrated initiative in fulfilling the responsibilities of his position, and

Whereas Clinton Russell has accepted additional responsibilities after normal working hours and on weekends as required for the best interest of the College, and

Whereas Clinton Russell has received commendation and praise from many others for his efforts in keeping the physical plant of the College in exemplary operating condition, and

Whereas Clinton Russell has been active in community and religious affairs and has reflected honor on his associates and his Alma Mater;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College expresses its appreciation to Mr. Clinton Russell and gratefully acknowledges his many contributions to the institution.

Be It Further Resolved That a copy

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Receives Special Recognition

Computer technology instructor Mrs. Sara Griffin received special recognition last spring as she was honored during an "Apple for the Teacher Tea" held in observance of faculty and staff members with 20 years service at East Central. Pictured with Mrs. Griffin is her husband, B.L. Griffin. The Griffins reside in Decatur.

Honored For Service

Al Bailey, director of the college's Vocational Individualized Development System, was honored last spring during an "Apple for the Teacher Tea" held in recognition of faculty and staff members with 20 years service. Bailey, a Scott County native, is pictured with his wife, Freida. The Baileys reside in Decatur.

ECCC President Selected To Serve On State Board

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Community College in Decatur, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Public Education Forum of Mississippi, Inc., announced Julian D. Prince, Sr., executive director.

The Forum is a nonprofit corporation created to improve all levels of education in Mississippi.

Created by a broad cross-section of Mississippi business, education and political leaders, the Forum is a nonpartisan education policy research group with its primary purposes as follows:

1) to establish a permanent forum for the consideration of major public education issues in Mississippi;

2) to identify the major challenges facing public education in Mississippi and to develop consensus responses to those challenges that will deserve the support of people in Mississippi;

3) to influence the development of the state's education policies and practices through nonpartisan, objective analysis and recommendations and to serve as a catalyst for the development of long-range educational policies and practices that will improve public education in Mississippi;

4) to enhance public awareness of the central importance of improved public education to increasing the state's competitiveness for economic development opportunities and improving the quality of life for all Mississippians; and

5) to find and encourage effective ways for business to be involved at the local and state level in improving public education and student learning.

Funding for the Forum is received from private foundations and businesses. The organization is designed so that no special interest group, individual, or public official will control its operations or activities.

The Forum's board of directors consists of 66 members, serving three-year staggered terms.

Its members include business persons, industrialists, public officials, educational professionals, media representatives, labor officials and other citizens concerned about public education.

The Forum has sponsored several initiatives to promote and reform public education. Three of the organization's primary sponsored programs include 1) Model School Technology Projects 2) Project '95 and 3) Parents for Public Schools.

During its short history, the Forum, founded in 1989, has become a viable force in improving education for Mississippi's school children. Its programs have been praised by the business community, educators at all levels from across the state, politicians and parents.

ECCC To Participate In PTK Leadership Project

East Central Community College has been selected to participate in the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Program, a project funded by a $1.8 million grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan.

"This Leadership Development Project affords East Central Community College the opportunity to provide its district with an innovative leadership program which will develop able and ethical community leaders who will be prepared to address the challenges of tomorrow," said Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college.

As a participating institution, East Central will offer a credit/non-credit Leadership Development Course beginning in January, 1993. The course will be open to all students and other members of the community.

Two faculty members from East Central, Ovid Vickers and Dr. Richard Ethridge, attended a special training session at the Airlie Foundation Conference Center in Airlie, Virginia, September 17-20, to prepare them to teach the Leadership Development Course.

"We at East Central are excited to have been selected to participate in the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Program. We have worked with Phi Theta Kappa over the past several years and assisted in the development of the leadership program. We are also very pleased that two of our outstanding faculty members, Mr. Ovid Vickers and Dr. Richard Ethridge, will be teaching the leadership course. We certainly look forward to working with PTK in providing this very worthwhile opportunity for our students," said Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president.

The leadership development course was developed especially for students of community, technical and junior colleges, and for community activists who have no formal leadership training. The program was originated by Phi Theta Kappa. Phi Theta Kappa includes some 950 chapters on two-year college campuses in all 50 states, in Canada, U.S. territorial possessions and military installations abroad.

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 to "help people help themselves." As a private grant making foundation, it provides seed money to organizations and institutions that have identified problems and have designed constructive action programs aimed at solutions. The foundation supports programs in the broad areas of agriculture, education, health, leadership, and youth. Programming priorities concentrate grants in the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, and southern Africa.

DR. RICHARD ETHRIDGE

MR. OVID VICKERS

Resolution—

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of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be given to Mr. Clinton Russell.

Adopted This The 11th Day Of August, 1992, and signed by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President, and Mr. Henry B. Hudspeth, Chairman.

Clinton Russell Family

Family members who attended a reception held in honor of Clinton Russell, retiring director of the college's physical plant, included (first row, from left) grandson Hunter Hayes, wife Barbara Russell, granddaughter Joy Hayes, Mr. Russell; grandson Forest Shock; (standing from left) granddaughter Betsy Shock, daughter Barbara Shock, son Randy Russell, daughter-in-law Sherri Russell, daughter Lynn Hayes, and son-in-law George Hayes.

Vickers May Retire, But She Knows Her 'Place' Is At ECCC

(NOTE: The following article is reprinted from the Jackson *Clarion Ledger* and was written by columnist Danny McKenzie.)

Carol Vickers paused for a moment -- a rare occurrence indeed -- and thought about leaving the teaching profession after 32 years.

"I guess I should be able to make some deep, philosophical statement," she said. "But about the best I can do is say that I chose this profession, I loved it, but now it's time to pass it on."

That said, Vickers returned to her final classes at East Central Community College in Decatur -- where as a student and teacher she has spent most of her 54 years.

After attending East Central for two years, she was employed on campus as a secretary and married Ovid Vickers, her former speech teacher who is still on the faculty.

Vickers earned her degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and returned to Decatur to teach junior high English for 22 years.

For the past 10 years, she has taught reading and writing to, as she phrases it, "those who entered East Central with low ACT scores." She also spent four years teaching in the adult literacy program, a program she left because "I was taking all their problems home with me, and it was getting me down."

There are few, if any, people in this world who are more enjoyable to be with than Vickers. Her genuine love of, and concern for, those in her midst is unmistakable -- and that includes folks from all walks of life.

Eddie Smith, the president of East Central, said Vickers "picked up on students that needed a push and gave them one."

"A lot of them became some of our better students, but if Carol hadn't keyed in on them and given them that extra push, they might have become failures."

Vickers said she did indeed approach her job in that manner.

"I told every class that I ever taught at East Central that it was them and me against the world," she said. "I told them they were the students everyone was expecting to fail, but if they would stay with me, we would prove a lot of folks wrong. I like to think we did."

Those who know Vickers know full well she will not be retiring in her retirement. She certainly doesn't argue.

While she's looking forward to spending more time with her 80-year-old mother, and doing a little quilting, there's also the matter of the Atlanta Braves who play their home games conveniently close to her two grandchildren.

She and Ovid live "across the tennis courts" from the East Central campus, and there is a chance she will return to teaching in the adult literacy program, so she will hardly be disappearing from the college environment.

Which is fine with Vickers. She insists East Central is more a part of her than she is a part of East Central.

"I'm kind of big on Eudora Welty's 'sense-of-place' idea," she said. "My whole 'sense-of-place' connects to East Central. I can tell you where I was when President Kennedy was killed, and all that. I was married here, and my children were born here.

Everywhere I go on campus, there's something I can identify with."

Whatever success she has achieved, she said, it has been because of a simple belief in how she would do her job.

"I think a good teacher should go in the classroom, close the door, and teach bell to bell. A good teacher has something to give, and the students have something to learn."

Vickers said trying to put her 32-year career into words "seems so mundane."

Those who know her best, though, know "mundane" is a word not to be associated with Carol Vickers.

Never has been. Never will be.

Mrs. Vickers (right) was honored during the college's end-of-the-year faculty appreciation dinner and is shown receiving a gift from Brenda Johnson, faculty club president.

Outstanding ECCC Instructors

Outstanding East Central Community College faculty members representing their respective divisions have been selected for the 1992-93 school year and will be recognized at the annual Lamplighters Program scheduled at Meridian Community College. Honorees include (from left) Tommy Thrash, Social Science, Business Administration and Education; Thomas W. Carson, Humanities and Fine Arts; Ricky Harrison, Vocational-Technical; and Joe Clark, Math and Science. The Lamplighters Program recognizes outstanding faculty members from the state's 15 community and junior colleges.

Participants in the first ever Elderhostel Program held on the Decatur campus were (front row, from left) Geraldine Fick and Leyla McMullan, both of Decatur; Martha Wood, Starkville; Melburn Anderson, Decatur; Mabel Agnew, Morton; Joyce Sidorfsky, Gonzaliz, Florida; [illegible] McMullan, Decatur; Elsie Parker, Gonzaliz, Florida; and (back ro[illegible], from left) Ann Gaines and Johnnie Keith, both of Decatur; Ruth McMullan, Newton; Opal Green, Kosciusko; Frances Trotter, Newton; Gerry Steinhardt and Virigina Carter, both of St. Louis, Missouri; and Jo LeCoeur, San Antonio, Texas. For information about next year's program contact the Office of Adult and Co[illegible]tinuing Education.

EC Hosts Successful Elderhostel

They came from as far away as Missouri and as near as Newton County. They brought along inquisitive minds, a love of learning, and the capacity for enjoying a variety of activities. They came to the East Central Community College campus where they were in residence for the first week of August attending the East Central Elderhostel.

With the theme "East Central Mississippi: An Exploration of Folkways, Festivals, and History," the week-long program coincided with the Neshoba County Fair. Those who participated heard lectures presented by Dr. Richard Ethridge, Carol Vickers, Ovid Vickers, and Melvin Tingle.

Dr. Ethridge lectured each morning for forty-five minutes on "Understanding East Central Mississippi: The Past, the Present, and the Future." The second forty-five minute lecture slot was filled by Ovid Vickers who lectured on Mississippi Folklore. Vickers' lectures ranged all the way from folk language to folk toys and games.

Carol Vickers completed the morning lectures with such subjects as "Quilting: An American Art Form" and "One Man's Trash Is Another Man's Treasure."

Classroom instruction was augmented by tours which included visits to the Choctaw Indian Reservation, the old Meridian Opera House, the Neshoba County Fair, and Merrehope and the Williams home in Meridian. A tour of historic places in Newton County was also made. On each tour, a guide explained the significance to the area of the place being visited. The tours were directed by Mrs. Alice Pouncey.

On Tuesday evening, all members of the Elderhostel were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pouncey. Guests were welcomed by the Pounceys on their deck where refreshments were served. Later in the evening former Council General Charles Carson and Mrs. Carson entertained the group by relating interesting stories relating to their years in the United States Diplomatic Service while they were serving in various countries around the world.

The group gathered at the Vickers' cabin adjacent to the race track at the Neshoba County Fair on Wednesday afternoon. After touring the Fairgrounds, visiting the exhibit hall, and watching the races, the group enjoyed a festive supper provided by East Central's Food Service Department. Tables were arranged in the yard and on the cabin porch so that guests could observe the "goings on" of the Fair while they ate.

A highlight of the Friday morning program was a presentation made by Mr. Melvin Tingle, an East Central alumnus, on Choctaw baskets and basketweaving. Mr. Tingle, a Neshoba County native, owns a large collection of Choctaw baskets, many of which are very old and valuable.

At the conclusion of the Elderhostel, each participant was asked to give an evaluation of the week's activities and the services provided by the college such as food and accommodations. Ms. Opal Green of Kosciusko remarked, "When I was a student at East Central in the 1940s, Dr. L. O. Todd, the president, told us that we were attending the best junior college in the state. After being a part of this

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SUSAN WILLIAMS AND NICOLE FLINT

Academic All-Americans!

Two members of the 1991-92 Lady Warrior basketball team, Susan Williams (left) and Nicole Flint, brought national recognition to the East Central campus following their selection as NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-Americans. To be considered for the prestigious honor, nominees must have lettered in one or more sports recognized by the NJCAA and have accumulated grade point average of 3.8 or better on a 4.0 scale for 60 quarter hours or 45 semester hours. Williams, a 5-10 forward, graduated in May, 1992 with a 3.957 GPA and plans to continue her studies in the field of physical therapy. A Newton County Academic graduate, Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Williams of Hickory.

Flint, also a 5-10 forward and a May, 1992 graduate, had a 3.897 GPA in pre-dentistry. She completed high school at Neshoba Central and is the daughter of Janice Ryals and Tom Flint of Philadelphia. The honorees will be featured in the JUCO REVIEW, a publication of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Tribute Paid Former ECCC Instructor

(NOTE: The following article was written by Nella Dean (Indy) Mitchell Whitten of Clinton, formerly of Louisville, who paid tribute to the late Sara Catherine Woodward who taught English and literature at Louisville High School and later became a faculty member at East Central Community College and Mississippi University for Women. Miss Woodward, who died April 13, 1992, was employed at East Central from 1951-54. The article appeared in a recent issue of the *Winston County Journal*.)

SARA WOODWARD

GUEST COLUMN
By Nella Dean (Indy)
Mitchell Whitten
Formerly of Louisville,
Currently of Clinton

At the risk of sounding "very old," I want to pay tribute to one of my best teachers. Recently, I read her funeral notice in the newspaper in Jackson. My heart is sad, but at the same time "singing" glad for what that lady meant to my life.

Her name was Sara Catherine Woodward of Louisville. She taught English and Literature in the Louisville High School. I'll never forget the first week of school in 1935 when I went into her English Grammar class. She seemed very serious about her subject matter and said, "I love the English language and I don't want to turn you young people loose on the world to murder it!"

True to her promise, she got us through the fundamentals of grammar. Sometimes she led us and sometimes she pulled us or pushed us. Back then, we did what Miss Woodward called diagramming sentences - some called it "parsing." It was fun to draw the framework but sometimes how emphatic she was about mistakes of part of speech.

She would not tolerate the use of adjectives when adverbs were called for: "Don't ever let me hear you say, "I feel good, when you mean I feel well," she said. I can still hear her threat to fail anybody who said, "Mother gave the book to him and I."

It didn't take me long to discover that Miss Woodward was no ordinary teacher. She was called to teach just as much as any pastor of missionary. She knew HOW to teach, and her aim was to teach persons and not just book material. She was patient and kind, despite the fact that we all were just a bit more irritable when the weather got hot and there was no air conditioning.

Very seldom were there any discipline problems. A few times she said, "I'm sorry that you don't have a more comfortable place to sleep." Once it was rumored that a boy had a black snake in his pocket. Miss Woodward's words were straight and to the point when she said, "You may be teachable, which is debatable - but since your 'companion' is not, take yourself outside and stay there until you can come back alone!"

Miss Woodward had a great love for the beauty that she found in the words of great writers. Her face literally shone as she read from one of the great poets, but saddened when the response she got was, "So what! I don't see anything so great about that."

She had us to memorize special passages from both English and American literature. One day we took turns reciting from Wordsworth's "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud." Some did a beautiful job of it and others stammered and halted and she had to be prompted almost continually.

It was one of those hot days and a big football boy literally sweated as he tried to remember the words. Finally, he got to the last line and there came a look of triumph on his face, as he headed for the home stretch. He was supposed to say, "And then my heart with pleasure fills and dances with the daffodils." Instead, he said, "And then my heart with pleasure fills and dances crocodiles." That brought the house down and even a smile of sympathy from his teacher, who said, "You got off the words a bit but I appreciate your holding out to the end."

One part of her classes was to give writing assignments. I had been attempting to write little verses since I was a small child, so I loved these assignments. Miss Woodward complemented everything I turned in and encouraged me to write more. That made me work all the harder.

In fact, when I was in my senior year, she told me repeatedly, "You must go to college. You must cultivate your writing abilities." After school was out, she went to our country home and had a long talk with my Daddy as he plowed the fields. She urged him to find some way to send me to college, despite the fact that we didn't have the money. And a way WAS found.

In college, as I took basic literature courses, I had scarcely any new material to memorize. I had memorized it all in Miss Woodward's class. One of my college teachers marvelled that any student should have such a complete high school course. She asked for Miss Woodward's name and address so that she could write to congratulate her.

Thanks to those teachers who launch their students into the beauty of "shining symbols known as words." Thanks to those teachers who keep in their hearts the vision of a better world, and do not spare themselves as they help young people to discover and develop their gifts.

Here I am 53 years later - still with a tremendous urge to write and to do it RIGHT. Thank you, Sara Catherine Woodward. I could never repay your gift to me. The only way I can think of, to even begin, is to cherish your vision and pass it on.

Harris Leads Travel Group

For the eighth straight year, East Central students, faculty, and alumni are being offered the opportunity for international travel.

Working through the European Foundations (EF) Corporation, Dr. Shelby Harris, East Central instructor of mathematics and chairman of the Division of Math and Science, will be spearheading the travel group. This year's tour will take the group to Hawaii, New Zealand, and Australia and will last for 12 days.

Further information concerning the trip may be obtained from Dr. Harris (601-635-2768) or Carol Vickers (601-635-2949).

Do You Recognize These 'Youngsters'?

The above photos were taken during the 1952-53 school year at Linwood High School. Both men are currently employed at East Central. Do you recognize them? (Pictured are Chester Clark, left, assistant director of vocational-technical instruction, and Joe Clark, who serves as math instructor, golf and tennis coach, head of security, and housing director.)

Elderhostel

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Elderhostel fifty years later, I know that Dr. Todd was right then and now."

Elsie Parker from Pensacola, Florida, stated: "This vacation in Mississippi in August was beyond expectation. Mississippians are noted for their hospitality, and that was certainly apparent this week. Everyone was so gracious and helpful."

The 1992 Elderhostel was directed by Gene Davis, East Central's Director of Adult and Continuing Education. Davis has already begun laying groundwork for the 1993 Elderhostel.

We Get Letters

Mr. Bubby Johnston
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS

Dear Mr. Johnston:

I take this opportunity to thank Ms. Lucille Wood and the "Warrior" for the surprising and appreciated article on me and my family in the latest issue.

It is gratifying to know that such an aggressive alumni association is supporting the college at every level of endeavor.

I take this opportunity to join the Alumni Association and also to make a small contribution to athletics through the Warrior Club.

Sincerely,
Eugene F. Earp
Office of Campus Safety
Louisiana State University
E203 Pleasant Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

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Dr. Eddie M. Smith
President
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Smith:

It occurred to me that it might be of interest to the college staff and to the readers of *The Warrior* that one Mississippi family sent 6 of their 7 children to East Central Community College, formerly East Central Junior College. My parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Crane, raised these children on a small farm in the Goodhope Community near Lake, MS. I was the oldest child and the first child to attend college, beginning at ECJC in 1934. That was during the great depression and difficult economically for our parents. However, they were willing to sacrifice in order to help defray the cost of getting a college education. The children found ways to earn money to help finance their own education.

All of us earned a living in various way and are now retired. I was a private secretary; my brother Charles retired as a pulp mill superintendent and my brother Melvin was an elementary school teacher and principal. My four sisters were Grace Crane Stokes who retired as a secretary, Ruth Crane Cannon who retired after teaching elementary grades for 34 years, Murriel Crane Harris who was also a secretary, and Doris Crane Liber (the sister who did not attend ECJC) who retired as a bank officer. Two of these sisters were honored while attending ECJC; Grace as Miss ECJC in 1942 and Murriel as a member of queen's court for one of the May Day celebrations.

We are a closeknit family and have yearly family reunions at our old home place which we call Crane Hill. We are all grateful for the education which we got at ECJC which enabled us to pursue good jobs and activities that enriched our lives. So we are proud to say that we attended East Central Junior College and that we have happy memories of years spent there.

Sincerely,
Ouida Crane Liber
752 Brookwood Drive
Forest Park, GA 30050

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Mr. Ovid Vickers
ECCC
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Mr. Vickers,

I am sending you a copy of my play. If you have time to read it, I would be most appreciative of any suggestions or comments. I am currently working on another one, Trains in the Night, based on a trip I took to Russia last June. It is also a romantic comedy. Concurrently I am working on The Purple Frog, a children's musical.

I have two sons, Mike 14, and Allen soon to be 11. Teen years are not the best!

My husband, Bill, is a professor at Texas A&M in Marketing. He has written several textbooks. His marketing text and introduction to business are probably the most well known.

A few years ago I ran for the Bryan school board and defeated the incumbent. It was quite a battle. We made quite a few changes. And of course in my idealistic way, we changed a few good ole boy procedures, much to the ire of the good ole boys. Learned a lot about Texas politics. (Or should I say the economic ties of Texas politics?) In a few years I'll write a really good play, but a few folks will have to go on to their reward before I attempt it.

Currently, I have gone into partnership in a gift store that specializes in handcrafted items. Actually, I started this two years ago when I became fascinated with hand blown glass. I enjoy it a great deal, but it takes more time than I really intended it to take. Hopefully, it will take less time when it gets successful.

Thanks again for the note. Hope you enjoy Wrinkle Free.

Sincerely,
Nancy (Burkett) Pride
601 Hensel
Bryan, TX 77801

P.S. Mrs. Vickers, you may be interested to know that my brother Jack, after leaving the Air Force returned to college, finished his degree and has worked as a medical technologist ever since. He runs the lab in the Carthage hospital.

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The Warrior
Box 50, ECCC
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear East Central family:

We enjoyed reading the spring issue of *The Warrior* and seeing the many articles and photos about our friends. East Central still holds a warm place in our hearts.

Noticing the write-up about the Vincents' (Arno and Ruth) Golden Anniversary, our 55th anniversary will be observed this coming September (1992).

We note that ECCC it to have an Elderhostel Program this year. We have attended 13 Elderhostel programs in about that many states, most recently at Galveston, Texas.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,
Bob and Mary Lee Roberts
593 Sykes Road
Jackson, MS 39212

(NOTE: R.C. Roberts is a former dean of academics at East Central.)

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Mr. Bubby Johnston
Box 50, ECCC
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Bubby,

I wanted to drop you a note and tell you how much my husband and I enjoy "The Warrior." We especially enjoy the pictures from the fifties.

I would like to draw your attention to the picture on page 27 of the Wo-He-Lo staff. That is not 1950-51 school year but 1955-56 school year. I was a freshman that year and that was Mr. Ovid Vickers' first year at ECJC. I had English under him and thought he was great.

I am from Forest and knew your parents and your sisters and you too, when you were young. My husband is from Newton. His name is Lester. He played football at EC and I was a cheerleader. Some of our best memories are of the 2 years there. We graduated in 1957.

We are both teachers. He is assistant superintendent in Stone County, and I am the high school librarian. We are retiring at the end of this school year.

Keep up the good work with your magazine.

Sincerely,
Eugenia Carleton Baucum
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To East Central Community College:

I want to express my appreciation to each of you who has made this East Central Community Elderhostel experience the greatest of the sixteen Elderhostels I have attended.

Great because it has bee a part of me -- a part of the old South, a part of Reconstruction periods and part of the New South;

The warm hospitality of sharing the joys of a gracious home of Alice Pouncey and her lovely family including distinguished guests -- a diplomat and wife, who shared delightful experiences from "all over the world";

The unequaled experience of being a part of Mississippi's most glorious house party -- The Neshoba County Fair, where we were guests of Carol Vickers' amazing mother and family in their cabin, from which we watched exciting horse racing, "harness racing," witnessed prize-winning Cloggers, and greeted old friends which included a descendent of Dr. Lambert Neill proving the old adage the "People never die, but live on in the lives of descendents and friends";

The friendly campus of ECCC, where we re-lived experiences of our younger years;

The opportunity of visiting exciting historical places in Meridian and other notable places;

The wonderful experience of visiting the Choctaw Indian Reservation, where we viewed first-hand the great progress of our native Americans, renewing our respect for them in their economic advances and vision of the future of East Central Mississippi;

Another economic advance for Mississippi and the South was revealed to us as we visited Peavey's amazing world-wide business which gives employment to our people -- black, white and golden Indian youths working in exciting teams for a lovelier, more charming life, with the intentions giving world enjoyment of SOUND;

The fun of seeing the Williamsville store which was "born" in the same year as I;

And last but not least, the friendly personnel of ECCC elderhostel and participants who gave us delightful sessions of poetry, stories, folk experiences and quilting.

"DIG UP YOU CONFEDERATE MONEY, FOLKS: THE SOUTH IS GOING TO RISE AGAIN".

Thank you,
Mabel Bedwell Agnew

Obituaries

L. E. CLIBURN

Lomer Eugene Cliburn, 91, former instructor at East Central Community College and Board of Trustees member, died May 25, 1992, at his home in the McDonald community.

Services were held May 28, 1992 from the chapel of McClain-Hayes Funeral Home in Philadelphia. Dr. W. L. Compere, Dr. Lee Hudsen and the Rev. Terrell Suggs officiated with eulogies delivered by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Community College; Bernard Blackwell, representing Mississippi College; and Bubba Hudspeth, chairman of the ECCC Board of Trustees.

Burial was in Linwood Cemetery.

The third of 11 children, Mr. Cliburn was born in 1900 to John Marshall and Ella Strickland Cliburn of McDonald. Mr. Cliburn's brother, Lavan, was the father of pianist Van Cliburn.

Mr. Cliburn graduated from Mississippi College in 1928. Elected president of the Student Body in his senior year, he was also a member of the track team and was named to the Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame in 1982.

Mr. Cliburn was a school administrator, coach and teacher at several schools in the state. In 1950 he earned a master's degree in administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. Additional graduate work was done at the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University.

He retired from East Central Junior College in Decatur after 14 years of professor of education and psychology and department head.

After retirement, Mr. Cliburn was active as a Gideon and served on the board of trustees at East Central Community College, completing his most recent appointment in 1990.

He was an active member of Linwood Baptist Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher and deacon.

He was active in various alumni functions at Mississippi College.

Mr. Cliburn was preceded in death by a daughter, Vicki.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mattye May Cliburn; a son, Edsel Cliburn; a daughter, Patty Tynes; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ruth White of Fincastle, VA., Estha Brown of Round Rock, Texas, and Odessa Stark of Dallas, Texas, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Greg Tynes, Scott Tynes, Jim Bennett, Gene Cliburn, Floyd Smith, James Bell, Sonny Cliburn and Steve Deaton.

The family requested that memorials be made to the Mississippi Colege Track Fund and to East Central Community College Track Fund.

LYNN FURGERSON

Lynn Dale Furgerson, 74, a retired Mississippi State University administrator and former registrar and academic dean at East Central Community College, died of cancer this summer at his home in Starkville.

A Dexter, Ky., native, Furgerson was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He received a bachelor's degree from Murray State University in Murray, Ky., and a master's degree from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. He did additional work at Florida State University and Peabody College.

He was a U.S. Marine veteran of World War II and held the rank of lieutenant colonel with the Mississippi National Guard. He was a Mason, Shriner and a Rotarian. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honorary leadership fraternity.

Survivors include: wife, Lucile; daughters, Lynda F. Hunter of Birmingham and Sharon K. Furgerson of Brandon; sister, Georgia F. Stephenson of Los Angeles; brother, William W. Furgerson of Murray, Ky.; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, First United Methodist Church in Starkville or Golden Triangle Regional Medical Center Hospice, attention Mary Nichols, P.O. Box 1307, Columbus, MS 39703.

HILLERY HORNE

Hillery Eugene Horne, 76, a retired teacher, coach and administrator, died June 23, 1992, at the Baton Rouge Medical Center.

Horne, a Kosciusko native, had lived in Centreville for 25 years.

He served as football coach at East Central Community College from 1948-52 where his teams participated in the Lions Bowl and Tobacco Bowl.

He also coached at Tulsa University.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Horne was an All-SEC tackle on the Bulldog squad.

He was a member of the Centreville Baptist Church and the Masons.

Survivors include: wife, Hilma; sons, Hillery Eugene Horne Jr. of Centreville and Roy A. Horne of Houston, Texas; sisters, Mattie Waggoner of Carthage and Kathryn Blanton of Natchez; brother, Herbert Horne of Kosciusko; and two grandchildren.

CLAY SIMMONS

Roger Clay Simmons, 67, a retired businessman, died of cancer September 3, 1992, at his home in Starkville.

Simmons, a Hillsboro native, was a member of First United Methodist Church. He was a graduate of East Central Community College in Decatur and Mississippi State University and did doctoral work at the University of Mississippi.

He was the former executive director of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service at MSU, vice president of Security State Bank and executive director and president of the Starkville area Chamber of Commerce.

He held honorary memberships in Epsilon Sigma Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Delta Kappa. He was a former board member of Security State Bank, Mississippi Methodist senior Services, Mississippi Hospitality Program, Oktibbeha Heritage Museum, Starkville Community Theater and the Starkville Optimist Club.

"He put God first, his family second and mankind third," said his daughter, Suzanne Dressel of Lawrenceville, Ga.

Dressel said her father was involved in many activites but he also loved outdoors and nature.

"He enjoyed landscaping and had created a beautiful garden and fish pond in the back yard," Dressel said. "He also refinished furniture and restored an older home in Starkville with my mother."

He was a member of the board for First United Methodist Church, Mississippi Methodist Foundation, Starkville/MSU Symphony Association, United Way of Oktibbeha and Deposit Guaranty National Bank. He was a past president of the Starkville Optimist Club.

He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Mississippi and National County Agricultural Agents and Rho Epsilon Sigma Phi. He was also named Boss of the Year by the National Secretaries Association and Optimist of the Year. He received the T. E. Veitch Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, the Kiwanis Club Community Service Award and Exchange Club Golden Deeds Award.

"He was a man of integrity and known for being a good listener," Dressel said. "People of all ages would come to him when they were at an impasse in their lives. He would talk with them and give them that added boost."

Other survivors include: wife, Caroline; sons, Roger Clay Simmons Jr., of Rolling Fork and David Leslie Simmons of Jackson; sisters, Ruby Black of Yazoo City, Mavis Boyles and Ina Faye Lee, both of Forest, and Mary Elizabeth Freeman of Meridian; brothers, Dewitt Simmons of Forest and Paul N. Simmons of Louisville; and 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Clay Simmons Foundation for Community and Economic Development, P.O. Box 2720, Starkville, MS; or First United Methodist Church of Starkville.

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Walker Promoted By Highway Patrol

Master Sgt. Larry W. Walker of Philadelphia has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant and named to the position of executive officer of the Meridian District of the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

LIEUTENANT
LARRY W. WALKER

As Lieutenant, Walker is second in command of the nine-county district which includes Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Smith counties.

Col. Jay Clark, director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, said Walker was selected for the rank of lieutenant under guidelines established by the merit promotion system.

Scoring under the Highway Patrol's promotional system is based on years of service and education, an oral examination before a board of seven officers and a written examination.

Walker, 45, began his career with the Highway Patrol in 1966 as a radio dispatcher. He completed cadet training at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy in 1968 and was commissioned as a state trooper. Since that time, he has worked as an enforcement officer in Canton, Louisville and Philadelphia and as a driver's license examiner in the Driver Services Bureau.

Since 1987, Walker has served as one of 60 criminal investigators in the patrol's Criminal Investigation Bureau.

The newly-named lieutenant graduated from Neshoba Central High School. He attended East Central Community College.

He is a certified radar instructor having received training at North Florida University. He has been recognized as Trooper of the Year for the Jackson District of the Highway Patrol, Outstanding Young Law Officer in Philadelphia and as Officer of the Year for the Meridian District.

Walker, son of Lamar and Dean Walker of Philadelphia, is married to the former Dianna Evans, daughter of Susie Mae Evans and the late Omer Evans of Philadelphia. They have two children, Tina and Scott.

Walker and his family are members of First Baptist Church in Philadelphia where he teaches Senior Boys Sunday School Class. He is also a Master Mason.

Hemphill Receives Juris Doctorate

Christopher David Hemphill was awarded the degree Doctor of Jurisprudence from Mississippi College School of Law in graduation exercises held recently.

He is a graduate of Winston Academy, East Central Community College and Millsaps College in Jackson.

He has joined the law firm of Colom and Colom in Columbus.

He is married to the former Kim Allday of Louisville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hemphill, Jr. and the grandson of C. B. Warner and the late Mozell Warner and Mrs. Camellia Helphill, all of Louisville.

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Rush Three-Peats As Club Champion

Joe Rush Jr. has won the men's golf championship at Philadelphia Country Club for the third straight year!

Rush, an alumnus of East Central Community College, claimed the 1992 title over Mark Duncan.

Duncan is a former three-time champion having won in 1984, 1988 and 1989.

Rush won four matches to take the '92 championship. He opened with a win over Randy Thrash and then defeated Danny Thrash in the quarterfinals. Rush beat Mike Sampsell in semi-final competition.

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Weddings

Leesa Corene Anderson to Steven Eugene Jones

Monica Jean Aron to Steven Lee Weeks

Anna Marie Babb to William Clyde Smith

Lasandra Denise Boler to Tobias Edward Pace

Christa Ann Boykin to Gregory Alan Powell

Laura Lee Boykin to James Chad Morrow

Donna Michelle Cade to Michael Robert Cooper

Sandra Collins to Ken Valentine

Sheila Kay Cooper to Charles Boyde Bailey

Marian Dennis to Keith Blalock

Connie Michelle Dunn to Johnathan Edward Brown

Carol Ann Edwards to Walt Strong, Jr.

Rachel Edwards to Michael Miles

Toni Espey to Kevin McAdory

Shelia Clearman Fredrick to Larry Franklin Benson

Jennifer Jade French to Kerry Alan Raybon

Marcy Ann Fulton to Raymond Murray Wilkinson

Susan Michelle Garvin to Michael Wayne Maske

Nanett Graham to Jeffrey W. Graham

Pamala Joy Green to Steven Coleman Hampton

Mary Joycelynn Gunter to John Charles Cooper

Jackie Michelle Hardin to William Scott Humphreys

Becky Harris to Greg Warren

Melissa Carol Holder to Eugene Nail

Donna Kay Holllingsworth to Johnny Wayne Todd

Sonya Michelle Horton to William Glenn Robinson

LaRae Suzanne Irons to James Harvey Wilkerson

Amy Melissa Joiner to James Dewayne Hamrick

Elizabeth Kron to David E. Adkins

Tammy Michelle Lawrence to Regie Eugene Pennington

Cynthia Gail Long to Sammy Roger Stevens

Salina Marie Macoy to Clinton Todd Graig

Amy Lee Matthews to Jason David Walley

Rhonda Renee McCaffrey to Don W. Howell

Sharon Lawana Milling to Kenneth Graham Clark, Jr.

Connie Susan Money to Terry Brent Comans

Teresa Monk to Troy Hight

Charmaine Moore to Ricky Hathorn

Chiquita Moore to Byron Redgna Jones

Amy Elizabeth Nutt to Danny Adam Parker

Connie Frances Page to Donald Paul McDaniels

Stacy Lynn Pickel to Timmy Wayne Howell

Trishann Renee Rickles to John Christopher Holland

Rebecca Le Ann Scott to Kenneth Wade Scott

Patty Jean Sims to Ted S. Pope

Tamalyn Michelle Snowden to Thomas Jack Sant

Lisa Stephens to Buddy Graham

Alice Faye Thames to Edward Lee McGowan, Jr.

Ethel Louise Thames to Cecil Williams, Jr.

Margie Lanette Thomas to Michael Richard Hammond

Emily Tingle to Stephen Michael Usry

Kimberly Jo Weaver to Lee Thomas Landry III

Melissa Gaye Whitmire to Henry McCully Hudspeth

The 'Community' in 2-Year Public Colleges Causes Them To Stand Tall

(NOTE: The following is reprinted from and guest column in the August31, 1992 issue of the Jackson *Clarion Ledger* and was written by EastCentral Alumna Harriet Vickers. Vickers is currently Director of Public Relations at Hinds Community College.)

When my parents brought me out of the hospital as a newborn in February of 1964, I came home to an apartment on the campus of East Central Community College in Decatur where my father is an instructor. And, it was probably then that my life-long commitment to the community college system began.

I continue to tell the success story of this system today because of recent editorials in *The Clarion-Ledger* which claim that the state's two-year institutions are "a waste of taxpayer funds."

After growing up on the East Central campus and in a small town environment, I entered high school in Decatur and then enrolled at East Central. The move from high school to the community college level was an easy one because here was not a sudden "culture shock" of transferring from high school to a state university.

The size of the community college allowed me to continue to have a name and to not just be a social security number.

All of the courses that I took at East Central transferred to the University of Southern Mississippi. And rightly so, because statistics from four-year schools show that two-year transfers do as well or better than those who began their freshman year at a university.

Also, instructors are continually recognized for their accomplishments as professionals in their respective fields, and there are no graduate students teaching entry-level academic courses.

Vocational-Technical education may be one of the most exciting of all aspects of the Community college story. Training students for jobs that are currently demanding more employees is something to brag about, but it is the state's community colleges which are getting this done.

Most nursing programs at these institutions have waiting lists for entry because of the job market demand. In 1991, 95 percent of two-year nursing students passed the state board exams at first write, compared to an 89 percent passage rate by students in four-year programs.

The recent reshaping of the economy has seen business and industry focus more on the hiring of "high-tech" graduates. State community colleges are taking a leading role in this concept, training and retraining students who will play a major part in the career world as the state and national steer toward the 21st century.

Community colleges have not been able to become cornerstones in the state's education system without overcoming some definite obstacles such as the editorial bashing of late.

Also, lawmakers who had, in the past, agreed with newspaper editors' remarks about these institutions, are beginning to realize that it is the "community" in these public colleges that make them stand tall.

Work in the Legislature this year produced on of the most successful sessions in recent history for these institutions. Legislators finally "saw the light" and answered to funding needs with the one percent sales tax increase which will generate more than $15 million for these schools.

Apart from this rethinking of the two-year system by politicians, neighborhood supporters have never doubted the ability of these colleges to keep up with the times. It seems to be the newspapers, now, which need a change of attitude.

No one associated with these colleges feels the way a newspaper editor felt when he or she said, "Two-year colleges are going to have to understand they are part of one genre -- higher education. They cannot go about building empires to themselves..." This statement is not true and never will be.

Everyone involved with two-year colleges will testify to the fact that the strength of the community college system lies in the cooperation among all institutions for the good of the whole system.

As community colleges continue to be well-positioned sites for educating students, they will also continue to serve as models that other education institutions look to for guidance.

HARRIET VICKERS

Through their excellent program offerings, low tuition costs and ability to keep up with an ever-changing society, two-year colleges are being recognized for the vital role they play in the state's educational system.

Kaskie Becomes First Priest From Scott County

Brian D. Kaskie became the first native-born Roman Catholic priest from Scott County as the East Central Community College alumnus was ordained this summer at St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Kaskie, 28, was ordained by the Most Reverend William Houck, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Jackson.

A 1982 graduate of Forest High School, Kaskie is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. His parents are Donald and Patricia Kaskie of Forest.

Kaskie said he is "very excited" about being the first priest from Scott County and added: "The Catholic Church is growing and I'm proud to be a part of that."

Kaskie earlier completed studies and preparation at the University of St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, ILL. He studied five years at the seminary, which is operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago and is open to students from throughout the United States.

"I believe the philosophy and theology I have studied have prepared me well to begin serving the people of the Jackson diocese," he said. "My years at Mundelein have been valuable and memorable, but I am truly excited about returning to my home state."

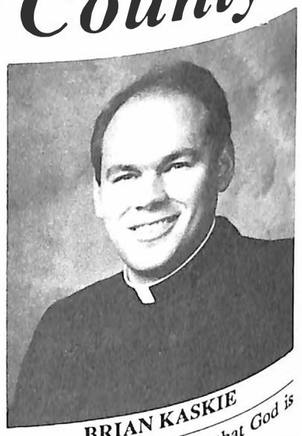
The study of theology, Kaskie said, was a natural outgrowth of his interest in the earth, its inhabitants, their origins and destinations. Before entering the seminary in 1987, Kaskie earned a bachelor's degree in geology from Mississippi State University. He also attended the University of Southern Mississippi.

"While science and theology are often portrayed as being opposed to each other, I have found these disciplines grapple with the same questions in different language," Kaskie said. "In geology the major concern was 'what is there?'; in theology the question is 'why is it there at all?"

Theology, he said, deals with ultimate concerns, while science helps us deal with day-to-day problems.

Kaskie's seminary preparation included academic, spiritual direction and formation, as well as practical ministry experience. He worked six months as a pastoral intern at St. Richard's in Jackson and worked 10 weeks as a hospital chaplain at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville.

"Through these experiences I have gained an appreciation of what it is to be a minister in today's church," Kaskie said. "I have worked with people in moments of joy and despair and have come to find that God is present in both,"



BRIAN KASKIE

It is that search for God that has been a common thread in both his scientific and theological work, Kaskie said. "It is a search that has brought me close to God and made me a servant of God," he said. "It was the sense of God calling me that led me to enter the seminary. Over the years that sense has intensified and I approach ordination with a sure confidence that I am ready to serve God's people as a priest."

Kaskie has been assigned to St. Mary's Cathedral in Natchez where he is serving as Associate Pastor.

Quality Is Tradition With Guthries

Four consecutive years Pace and Hazel Guthrie of Forest have been named as McCarty Farms Forest division's top grower of the year. Named as top grower for 1991, the Guthries have been in the top ten growers for five years. they have been growing chickens for McCarty Farms for 13 years.

"We have really enjoyed our association with McCarty Farms. It is an honor to be among the top growers. We have made many friends in the poultry industry and we are proud to be a part of the industry," said Guthrie.

The Guthries have three chicken houses with a capacity of 61,200. They keep the chickens for approximately six weeks until they reach an average weight of four pounds.

Guthrie does all the maintenance and most of the repair work on their farm and chicken house equipment. Last year they replaced the bell drinkers in the chicken houses with nipple drinkers. The Guthries assembled and installed the entire system.

Guthrie has a bachelors degree in industrial arts from USM and a masters in industrial education from MSU. For 13 years, he taught drafting and design at East Central Junior College.

Using this background, he enjoys making modifications on his equipment and building equipment to fit his needs. He has had two of his designs featured in Farm Show, a national publication.

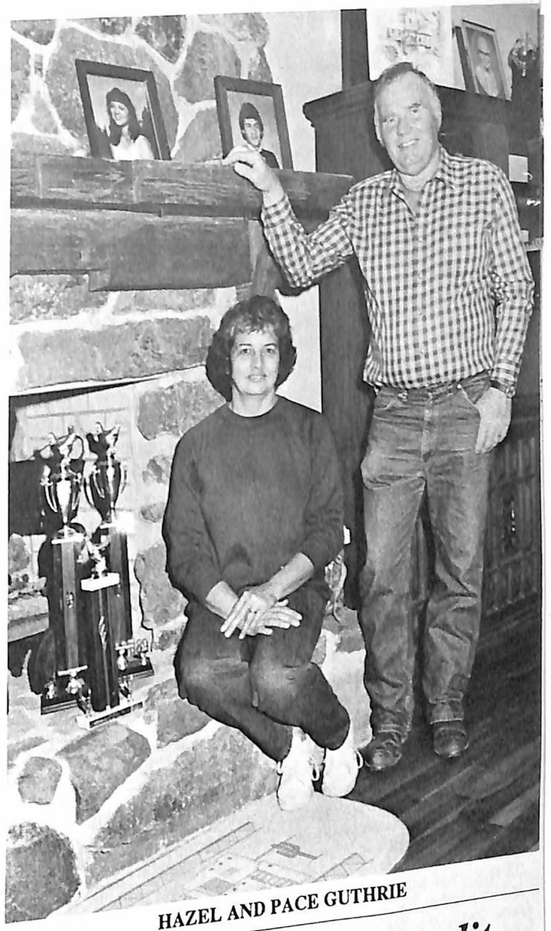
Since 1959 the Guthries have spent countless hours designing and building their south western style home. This is only one of their many achievements.

Hazel, an East Central alumna, enjoys reading, sewing, counted cross stitch, and bird watching. She has been a homemaker and devoted many years to the 4-H program. they have four children, Joyce, Gwyn, Tina, and Ben, who all attended East Central. Joyce, a graduate student of New Mexico State University, Las Cruses, New Mexico is working on her doctorate degree in Animal Science.

Gwyn is a CPA and is employed by Northern Telecom of Richardson, Texas. Tina does custom drafting, and is married to Derwin Thrash. They have two daughters, Emily, age five, and Krista, age 22 months. She and her family live near the Guthries. Ben graduated from USM this semester with a BS in accounting. He is an auditor for Blue Cross Insurance in Irving, Texas.

In addition to their poultry farming interests, they have 100 head of Brangus cows. They have sold registered breeding stock for 33 years. Their farm, El Ringo Farms, encompasses some 465 acres.

"Timmy Phillips is our service supervisor. He works hard to minimize the effects of unforeseen circumstances that occur in growing of broilers," said Guthrie. "Through the years we have always had a devoted serviceman."



HAZEL AND PACE GUTHRIE

The Thames Sisters

Paula (seated) and (standing from left) Alice, Vickie, Marie and Ethel, all East Central graduates.

Thames Sisters Credit East Central For Success

During the decade from 1981 until 1991, the Thames family of Newton County was well represented at East Central Community College. During the decade, five Thames sisters attended the college and have since gone on to take their places in a variety of professions in the state. Ranging from the "elder" sister Ethel, all five of the Thames sisters credit much of their success to East Central.

"I especially remember the closeknit relationships that East Central provided, not only with other students but with faculty members," Ethel (now Ethel Thames Williams) stated. Second sister Marie, now married to Thomas Sipp, added, "East Central was the perfect stepping stone to the university."

Third sister, Alice, now married to Edward McGowan, Jr., was a freshman Homecoming Maid and then Maid of Honor in the Homecoming Court at East Central. Four of the five young women were members of the Fashion Squad under the sponsorship of Mrs. Alice Pouncey, and they remember Mrs. Pouncey as a dedicated and supportive friend who contributed greatly to their success at East Central.

The fourth sister, Vickie, is currently employed as Assistant Librarian in the Newton Branch of the Kemper-Newton Regional Library System. "East Central prepared me well, not only for the university experience but for going into the workplace as well," Vickie stated.

After being the first of the five

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Recent Alumni Happenings

Dr. David Rives served as the Evangelist for the revival recently held at Line Creek Baptist church in Newton County. Dr. Rives is a Baptist minister, evangelist, and practicing dentist in Newton.

George Adams recently graduated from the Graduate School of Banking of the South, held annually on the campus of Louisiana State University. Adams is employed at the Carthage Bank.

Charlotte McPhail, an employee of the Carthage bank since 1962 graduated from the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University.

Gloria Joiner was awarded the 1992 President's Bonus by the Sunburst Bank of Louisville where she is employed.

Roy D. Aultman, a resident of Scott County and prominent grocery store operator, passed away recently.

Carol Angelia Nowell Weems of Newton was selected by the 1992 National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artists, Mississippi Chapter No. 55, as the Most Outstanding Teacher in Mississippi for 1992. Angelia was selected for the award by NADAA member teachers from the Southern Area states at the NADAA summer convention held in Biloxi. She is the founder, owner, and director of Newton County Dance and Gymnastics Association of Newton. She is married to Johnie F. "Buddy" Weems.

East Central alumni who enjoyed a trip to London, Paris, and Madrid during the summer included Leonard Barrier, Milton Matthews, Shelby Harris, Carol Vickers, Eddie Smith, Glenda Comans, Cheryl Comans, Johnnie Anderson, Lamar Jackson, Albin Roland and Mildred Sharp.

Charlotte McNeill, a student of Mrs. Carolyn Clark, won the Newton County High School's Type-A-Thon which was held to benefit the Leukemia Society.

Philadelphia's National Bank of Commerce recently honored R.D. "Dwight" Mulholland for his service to the Philadelphia/Neshoba County community.

Susan Ganann Duncan of Carthage, a fifth-year student at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, recently served an externship at Turnage Drugs in Water Valley.

Kay Smith, P. J. Henry, and Burl Johnson have been elected as Directors of the Union Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Mary G. Perry was designated Star Teacher at Edinburg High School by her student John Eric Horton.

Wanda Waddell is advisor to the Philadelphia High School's award-winning newspaper *The Tornado Times*. Waddell was recently awarded a Certificate of Excellence for her work with high school publications by the Mississippi University for Women Journalism Workshop.

Jana Fanning of Hickory appeared June 7-12 in Nashville on the Nashville Showcase for rising young stars. She also had an appearance at Gilley's while in Nashville.

Lee Lewis of Philadelphia, who plans to attend law school, recently attended Pre-Law Day at Mississippi College School of Law.

The Bank of Forest has announced that Charles R. Sanders has been named a Vice-President. The Scott County native will serve as Vice-President in the Loan Department.

James R. Johnson has been promoted by the Bank of Forest as Vice-President for Compliance Loan Review.

Susan Williams has been accepted at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine for the study of Physical Therapy. Susan is a 1992 East Central graduate.

Matt Alford of Forest recently visited with U.S. Senator Thad Cochran in Washington. Matt served an internship with Media News Service in Washington, D.C.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles N. Crenshaw, Jr. of Newton recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Troy King has retired after a teaching career that spanned twenty-one years. King retired as a member of the faculty of Philadelphia High School.

Dr. Kevin Nichols was honored with an open house in the Medical Arts Building in Philadelphia. Dr. Nichols earned his medical degree from the University of Mississippi and is certified in advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support and advanced trauma life support. Dr. Nichols expressed his pleasure at being back in Philadelphia.

Larry Mills and Terri Donald both had roles in the Philadelphia Arts Council's production of Neil Simon's play, "The Good Doctor." The play was presented at the Philadelphia High School and the reviews praised the work by both Mills and Donald.

Lt. Col. William L. Freeman, Jr. of Newton has been appointed Commander of the 631st Field Artillery Brigade, Mississippi National Guard of Grenade. The appointment was announced by Maj. Gen. James H. Garner, the Adjutant General of Mississippi.

Margaret Mays was named Teacher of the Year for Leake County schools. She is on the staff at the Vocational Technical Center in Carthage where she teaches food production management and service.

Luke and Tammy Parkes are the proud parents of a new son, Cody Lamar Parkes, born on May 27, 1992. The new baby weighed 6 lb., 3 ozs. and was 17 1/2 inches long.

Dr. Chester McWhorter, a veteran ag researcher at Stoneville in Washington County was one of 28 individuals to receive a U.S. Department of Agriculture Distinguished Service Award. McWhorter, a Newton County native and EC alumnus, was honored for "research, advice and counsel that have reduced the cost and improved the quality of food and fiber by providing improved weed control technology."

Britt Dickens, formerly of Carthage and now a coach in Oxford, was one of five Mississippi coaches to be honored by the Mississippi Association of Coaches as Coach of the Year. Dickens and the other coaches were honored at the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in July at the Jackson Holiday Inn Downtown. Dickens was honored for his work in tennis.

Linda Thrash Cleveland of Brentwood, Tennessee, was awarded the Gold Circle of Excellence Award by the Nashville Board of Realtors

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Thames Sisters

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sisters to graduate from East Central, Ethel Thames Williams pursued a nursing degree at Matty Hersee School of Nursing and is employed at Rush Hospital in Meridian as a Registered Nurse. Marie, who graduated in 1984, just a year after Ethel, received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Mississippi State University and currently is a caseworker with Weems Mental Health Center in Meridian.

Alice graduated from East Central in 1986 and transferred to Jackson State University where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She currently is employed as an elementary teacher with the Jackson Public Schools.

The last two of the Thames sisters, Vickie and Paula, who graduated from East Central in 1989 and 1992 respectively, have not yet married. Paula is currently enrolled at Livingston State University.

Perhaps the second sister, Marie, summed up best the feeling of the five when she said, "East Central provides the right combination of academics and social activities which allows students to enjoy themselves while at the same time getting a good education."

Named To Who's Who In Education

Dr. Robert Smith, instructor of mathematics and computer science at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Natchez, was recently named to the 1992 volume of *Who's Who in American Education.*

The prestigious listing enumerates many of Smith's accomplishments, including his B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Mississippi State University and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Mississippi.

He has done other graduate work at Auburn University, George Institute of Technology and the University Oklahoma.

A member of the Copiah-Lincoln faculty since 1982, Smith, 44, has been faculty advisor to the Student Government Association, active in the college's annual Natchez Literary Celebration and has been a frequent lecturer in the fields of mathematics, chemistry, biology, science and computer science.

Smith is the son of Jackson E. and Bonnie Smith of Decatur and a graduate of East Central Community College, where he was listed in the 1968 Hall of Fame.

He served as Industrial Representative at Mid-Mississippi Development District at Newton from 1973 until 1976 and taught mathematics at Decatur High School from 1977 to 1979.

East Central Alumnus Receives Teacher of the Year Award

Scott F. Long, a native of Philadelphia, was named Outstanding Pharmacy Teacher of the Year for 1991-92 during the pharmacy school's commencement exercises. The award comes with a $1,000 check and a plaque.

This is the first time ever that students enrolled in The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy have selected a graduate student as the school's Teacher of the Year.

"Several of our faculty members with earned doctorates have won this award twice, so Long had some pretty stiff competition," said Ole Miss School of Pharmacy Dean Kenneth B. Roberts.

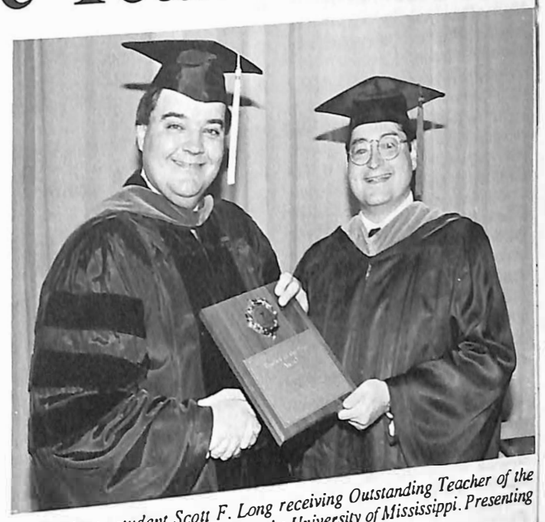
Long taught pharmacy dispensing to a class of fourth-year pharmacy students this spring and taught community pharmacy practice to seniors last fall. They were the only pharmacy courses taught by an instructor without an earned doctorate.

"This young man is one of the most sincere and dedicated instructors associated with The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy. He obviously did an outstanding job of teaching," said Roberts.

Long came to Ole Miss in 1987 to pursue a doctoral degree in pharmacology. His research interests include cocaine and anabolic steroid interactions, aquatic toxicology and the behavioral toxicology of agrochemicals.

Long, who expects to receive his Ph.D. next year, plans to hold a postdoctoral research position for a couple of years and then teach pharmacology in pharmacy school.

He attended East Central Community College and received his bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Ole Miss in 1984. He practiced pharmacy on the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Philadelphia before enrolling in the doctoral program at Ole Miss.



Graduate student Scott F. Long receiving Outstanding Teacher of the Year in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Mississippi. Presenting the award is the school's dean, Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts.

Recent Alumni—

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and the Williamson County Board of Realtors. The award is the highest honor a real estate sales person can achieve and denotes yearly sales in excess of four million dollars.

Dr. Van A. Lucas II of Newton recently graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. Lucas graduated from East Central in 1986, and both his parents, Van and Kay (Fulton) are alumni of East Central.

Lewis (Buzz) Nolan, 861 University, Memphis, TN, was recently named a 1992 Alumni Fellow by the Mississippi State Alumni Association. Nolan, who attended East Central in 1965-66, is vice-president for communications for Schring-Plough Health Care Products. He is a former bureau chief, reporter, and business editor for the Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL. In his present position, he is responsible for internal and external communications, corporate philanthropy, government relations, and community affairs.

Ed McGowan, Jr. is employed as a computer operator at the University Medical Center Credit Union.

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Rhodes Awarded Fellowship For American Studies Seminar

Danny Rhodes, a teacher of social studies at University Christian School in Brandon and a resident of Newton, was one of 20 teachers awarded a fellowship for the American Studies Seminar which recently concluded at Mississippi College.

The Seminar is a special graduate program for social studies teachers throughout Mississippi. It is the oldest program of its kind in the state having just completed its 31st year and is jointly sponsored by Mississippi College and the Armstrong Foundation of Natchez, and Ft. Worth, TX.

The Seminar consisted of two graduate courses, with Rhodes taking both of them. One focused on the American economic system and was taught by Dr. Gerald Lee, Dean of the Mississippi College School of Business. The other examined the Bill of Rights and was taught by Dr. Ron Howard, head of the History Department and director of the Seminar.

Besides the regular graduate courses, the Seminar also sponsored several special programs. The first was a lecture on legal research and included a tour of the Mississippi College Law School Library by Dr. Carol West, head librarian and professor of law, designed to introduce participants to a number of bibliographical aids.

Another special feature of the Seminar were programs presented

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Meets Alumnus at Airport

Willie L. Bingham, Jr. (left) is seen with East Central President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. The two met recently in the Dallas Airport when Dr. Smith was accompanying EC student Tam Cooper to a meeting in Arizona. Bingham is currently National Training Manager in Atlanta where he is responsible for technical, administrative, and generic training of the BC Systems Business Unit of American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He began work with South Central Bell in starkville in 1971 and since that time has risen steadily through the ranks to his current position with AT&T. Bingham attended Newton High School and was a student at East Central in 1968-69.

EC Alumna Is Now Successful Pageant Coach

From the East Central campus to the stage of the Mrs. World Pageant might seem like a big step to some people, but to Doris Earley Modjeski it was a natural progression. After graduating from East Central in 1961, Ms. Modjeski attended the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a BS Degree in Speech Education. After teaching for a year in McComb, she accepted a position as an airline stewardess for Eastern Airlines and later settled in New York City where she pursued a career as a professional model, rising to a position as instructor of Modeling and Self Improvement for the John Robert Powers School.

In 1970, Modjeski returned to Mississippi and worked as Director of a Modeling School, Instructor of Adult and Community Education with the Jackson Public Schools in the areas of slimnastics and modeling. During this time, she was also employed by numerous young contestants as a pageant coach and self improvement instructor.

Taking her instruction to heart, in 1980, Ms. Modjeski decided to enter the Mrs. Mississippi Pageant, which she won. She then represented Mississippi in the Mrs. America Pageant, a preliminary to the Mrs. World Pageant.

In 1983, she became State Director of the Mrs. Mississippi-America Pageant. Under her direction, the Mrs. Mississippi Pageant has produced two Mrs. Americas and one Mrs. World. Today she continues as a private beauty pageant and self-improvement coach.

Concerning her stay as a student at East Central, Ms. Modjeski fondly remembers the many friends she made on the campus. In a recent communication, she indicated that should would like to "catch up on what my former classmates have been doing in the last 30 years and what they are doing now."

DORIS MODJESKI

Humphries Enjoying Retirement Life

Now that he has retired as manager of the Phillips County Child Support Enforcement Unit in West Helena, Arkansas, Thad Humphries (Class of '48) plans to spend most of his time doing what he loves best: gardening.

Humphries, widely known for his beautiful mums which line the sidewalk to the entrance of his house, retired on July 31, 1992 following 17 years service with the county agency.

The Winston County native said he will miss working with the Child Support Enforcement Unit, which is responsible for collecting child support payments for approximately 3600 families, most with single parents, involving about 7000 children.

In addition, he said the unit has established paternity and has secured private hospitalization for many children.

With a rewarding career now behind him, Humphries said he also spends a lot of time reminiscing about his alma mater, East Central Community College.

"I am a firm believer in the community college system and I hope the State of Mississippi can keep them. At the community/junior college level, the faculty seem to be more dedicated and concerned for the students," he said.

"Some of my best memories are the two years I spent at ECJC. Dr. Todd, Mr. Cross, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Newsome, Miss Harris and Mrs. Gardner are some of the faculty members I often remember. I am a firm believer in the community college system and I hope the State of Mississippi can keep them. At the community/junior college level, the faculty seem to be more dedicated and concerned for the students," he said.

Humphries, who came to East Central following graduation from Noxapater High School, was a member of the Agriculture Club and later continued his interest in farming by receiving a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education at Mississippi State University.

When he left MSU, Humphries taught three years at Seminary, Mississippi. He was employed at Mississippi Chemical Company in Yazoo City from 1955 to 1966 before moving his family to West Helena where he was selected Safety Director for Ark-La Chemical complex. He began working for the Child Support Enforcement Unit in 1975. During his tenure, annual cash collections increased from $77,000 to $988,000 in 1991. In addition, the agency grew from a staff of three to a staff of nine investigators and one attorney.

THAD HUMPHRIES

For over 37 years he has been married to the former Martha Turner, a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women who has taught sixth grade for over 30 years in the public school system. They have three children: Leslie, 32; Martha Ellen, 29; and Thad, 26.

Leslie is married to Bob Hargraves, and they also live in Helena. Leslie received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University and is employed as coordinator for Resource Development at Phillips County Community College.

Martha Ellen Humphries lives in Little Rock and serves as a medical technologist at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She attended MSU and received her bachelor's degree from UAMS.

Thad is married to Terrie McBeth Humphries and they reside in Sebastopol. He is employed at U.S. Motors in Philadelphia.

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by Dr. Linda Kay, Social Studies Specialists for the Mississippi Department of Education. Dr. Kay discussed in some detail the social studies curriculum which Mississippi has just adopted and shared ideas and methods for teaching both the American Constitutional and economic systems at various grade levels.

Seminar fellows hear from Ms. Peggy Howard, director of the American Enterprise Center, the educational wing of the Mississippi Economic Council, sponsors of the Star Student and Star Teacher's Program.

A very important part of the American Studies Seminar was the McLemore Lecture given this year by Leland Rymes Speed, president of Eastover Corporation. A successful and innovative businessman, Speed entitled his remarks on current economic affairs, "You're On Your Own." Noting the different opinions of expert economists, Speed emphasized that Americans are pretty much on their own when it comes to understanding economics today and tomorrow. Both the tax laws and business regulations inhibit rather than assist small business, Speed concluded, and urged that changes be made to encourage venture capitalism.

Special sessions of the Seminar featured Larissa and Nikola Kolensnikov, two Russian scientists who are visiting lecturers at Mississippi College. They described their experiences growing up in the Soviet Union, the Communist system, and the fall of Communism over the past few years.

Dr. J. Richard Hurt, Dean of the Mississippi College School of Law, concluded the special programs sponsored by the Seminar with his lecture on the 1992 term of the United States Supreme Court, with special emphasis on the latest judicial rendering of the religious establishment clause of the First Amendment.

Teachers in the local area interested in the Seminar for next summer should contact Dr. Ron Howard at Mississippi College, Department of History, Clinton, MS 39058, or call the Graduate School office at 925-3225.

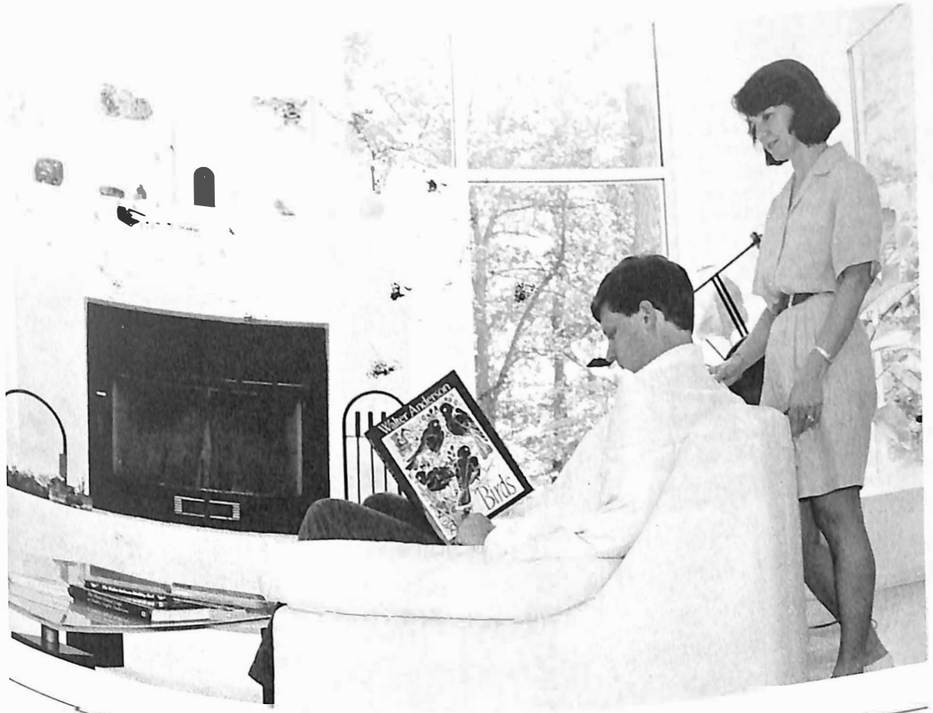
Everetts Express Love Of Art

(NOTE: The following article is reprinted from the April 26, 1992, edition of *The Meridian Star*. The Everetts are East Central alumni.)

Mississippi artist Walter Anderson painted for the love of it.

Meridianites Dr. and Mrs. Keith Everett collect art for the same reason -- for the shear enjoyment of it.

Anderson, Everett said, didn't paint for money. "He didn't do it to sell. He didn't have an agent. He didn't have a gallery. He painted it and stuck it (the work) away in his closet," said Everett of Anderson's art.



DR. AND MRS. KEITH EVERETT

Everett and his wife, Darlene, have been accumulating art for years, especially works by Mississippians. In fact, their collection -- with works by Dick Kelso, Alex Loeb, Fred Mitchell, Les Greene, Rolland Goldman and others -- could read as a Who's Who in state's art sphere.

But the heart of their collection is by Walter Anderson, including works on 8-by-10-inch typing paper (and, in one case two 8-by-10-inch sheets).

It's the simplicity of Anderson's work, particularly the watercolors, that blends and complements with the Everetts' contemporary style house.

Though their home is accentuated with varied Anderson works, the couple has plenty of reading material and background on Anderson's life and works.

Everett's first contact with Anderson's work came when Everett was working with Gulf Coast Research Lab in Ocean Springs. "It was within walking distance of the Anderson compound," he said of this two-year stint at the lab.

Like the Gulf Coast artist, Everett would go out to Horne Island. However, unlike Anderson, Everett's task was to collect samples for the lab. That's where Everett could see Anderson's environment -- where most of artist's subject matter was focused. "That's where I got interested."

Everett said that Anderson painted a majority of his works in the 1930s and '40s and his style is a fresh and contemporary as today. "It fits right in with our house."

And since 1971, Everett has accumulated Anderson's work all along. That's also how he and his wife have acquired their collection - by one piece at a time.

"We go there (to Anderson Shearwater compound) every three years," Everett noted, because of the appeal of the artist and his works.

"Darlene and I have always had an interest in art," Everett said, adding that he has "had an interest in visual art as long as I can remember." He has also drawn and painted himself.

Though the Everetts enjoy going to galleries -- it's not necessarily a true passion. They have an idea of what they like, but they don't set out to purchase "that one piece."

For those who want to start collecting, the Everetts agree -- buy what you like. "Buy strictly what you enjoy -- something that you'll enjoy looking at every day."

And, Everett added, "We collect it because we enjoy it."

Whitehead Named Chief

Douglas Whitehead was recently promoted to chief of the Management and Disposal Branch in the Real Estate Division of the Corps of Engineers' Vicksburg District.

As chief, he is responsible for administering the management and disposal functions of an extensive real estate program covering a three state area.

Management activities involve numerous outgrants that allow collateral use of Corps real property for purposes such as roads and utilities, commercial marinas, Girl Scout camps and state parks.

Other major tasks of the Branch include insuring optimum utilization of Corps-owned real estate as well as sale of real property and timber.

Whitehead is the son of the late William and Claudia Whitehead of Philadelphia, and is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School.

He earned his associate degree from East Central Community College and his bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics from Mississippi State University.

He and his wife, Ruth, a certified public accountant, have two children, Deborah W. Lashley and Jennifer. They attend Calvary Baptist Church.

DOUGLAS WHITEHEAD

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Former ECCC Student Named 'Best New Male Country Artist'

County music singer/songwriter and East Central Community College alumnus Billy Dean continues to be a popular entertainer as the former Warrior basketball player was recently named "Best New Male Artist" by the Academy of Country Music. In addition, the recorded ballad, "Somewhere in My Broken Heart," co-written by Dean and Richard Leigh, was selected "Song of the Year." The same recording climbed to the top of the charts during 1991.

Dean, 30, is a native of Quincy, Florida. He came to East Central on a basketball scholarship in the fall of 1981 and later won top honors in the college's annual talent show competition. He also provided special entertainment during Senior Day activities.

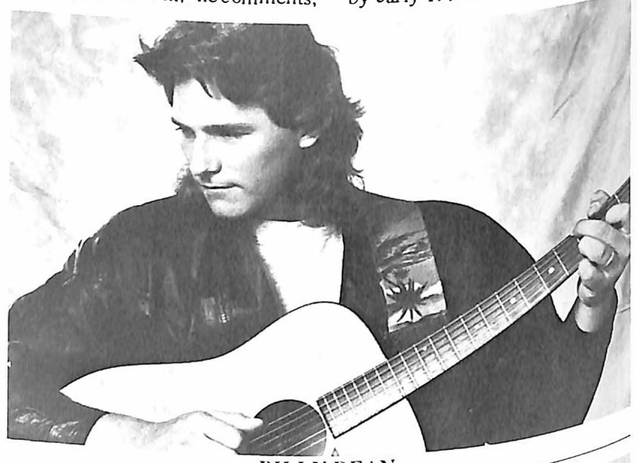
Dean has had another top 10 release, "Only Here for a Little While," which climbed to the number three slot. A video of the song appeared on cable and featured his wife, Cathy.

Dean, who credits his father, the late Billy Dean, Sr., as his major musical influence, began his career singing in his father's band, "The Country Rocks."

On receiving country music's best new male vocalist award, Dean was quoted as saying, "For the first time I was going to be able to prove something -- that the industry, that radio, were accepting my kind of country and my style. I've always wanted to take country music places it's never been before and be one of the pioneers. But I was afraid of the industry not allowing that or not wanting that. So, the ACM awards just said, 'Hey, I'm doing the right thing, I'm on the right track'."

According to Dean, despite the excitement of performing, songwriting still remains a strong drive. "I have found a lot of pleasure in singing and performing over the last year and a half. I have also found I miss songwriting terribly and the two don't necessarily go together because of time. With touring and doing the press, it's really hard to find the time and that solitude to be a songwriter. I've literally gone through creative withdrawal after you've been a writer for so many years and you've had the freedom of lounging around and dreaming up songs all day and not really having to watch what you say and watch what you do. I do miss that. But I love both parts of the business. The reason I'm writing songs is so I will have the chance to sing them. But if I'm singing them all the time, I don't have much of a chance to write them," he comments, laughing at his quandary.

Future plans for Dean include a third album which could be released by early 1993.



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Do You Recognize These Alumni?

Pictured above are members of the East Central Community College tennis team during the 1956-57 school year. Can you recognize any of the team members?

(From left to right on the bottom row are Sue Gunter, Walnut Grove; Shirley Jones, Forest; Lois Blount, Decatur; Gail Dubard, Louisville; and top row, from left, are Donald White, Ragland, Alabama; Clyde Mills, Forest; and Rodney Daffron, Ragland, Alabama.)

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East Central Community College 1992 Football Schedule

OPPONENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
East Miss.	Sept. 3 (Thurs.)	7:00	Scooba
Gulf Coast	Sept. 10 (Thurs.)	6:30	Home
Itawamba	Sept. 17 (Thurs.)	6:30	Home
Co-Lin	Sept. 24 (Thurs.)	7:00	Wesson
Coahoma	Oct. 1 (Thurs.)	6:30	Home
Hinds	*Oct. 10 (Sat.)	2:30	Home
Pearl River	Oct. 17 (Sat.)	2:30	Poplarville
Southwest	Oct. 24 (Sat.)	7:00	Summit
Northwest	Oct. 29 (Thurs.)	7:00	Senatobia
Jones	Nov. 5 (Thurs.)	6:30	Home

*Homecoming

1992-93 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Monday	November 2	East Mississippi	Decatur
Friday	November 6	Mississippi Delta	Moorhead
Saturday	November 7	Holmes	Decatur
Monday	November 9	East Mississippi	Scooba
Friday Saturday	November 13 November 14	Jones Tournament (ECCC, Jones, Bishop St., AL, Central Baptist, AR)	Ellisville
Monday	November 16	Mississippi Delta	Decatur
Thursday Friday	November 19 November 20	East Mississippi Tournament (ECCC, Sheldon State, Mary Holmes, EMCC)	Scooba
Monday Tuesday	November 23 November 24	Itawamba Tournament (Men Only) (ECCC, Jones, Itawamba, & Muscle Shoals)	Itawamba
Tuesday	December 1	Southwest	Summit
Thursday	December 3	Jones	Decatur
Monday	December 7	Co-Lin	Decatur
Thursday	December 10	Gulf-Coast	Perkinston
Saturday	December 12	Holmes	Goodman
Friday Saturday	January 8 January 9	ECCC Tournament (ECCC, Itawamba, Jones, Mary Holmes)	Decatur
Monday	January 11	Pearl River	Decatur
Tuesday	January 19	Hinds	Raymond
Thursday	January 21	Southwest	Decatur
Monday	January 25	Jones	Ellisville
Thursday	January 28	Co-Lin	Wesson
Monday	February 1	Gulf Coast	Decatur
Thursday	February 4	Pearl River	Poplarville
Thursday	February 11	Hinds	Decatur
	February 15-18	South Division Tournament	Utica
	February 22-23	State Tournament	TBA
	March 1-4	Region 23 Tournament	Mississippi College

All Home Games at 6:00 (Women) and 7:45 (Men) unless otherwise noted.

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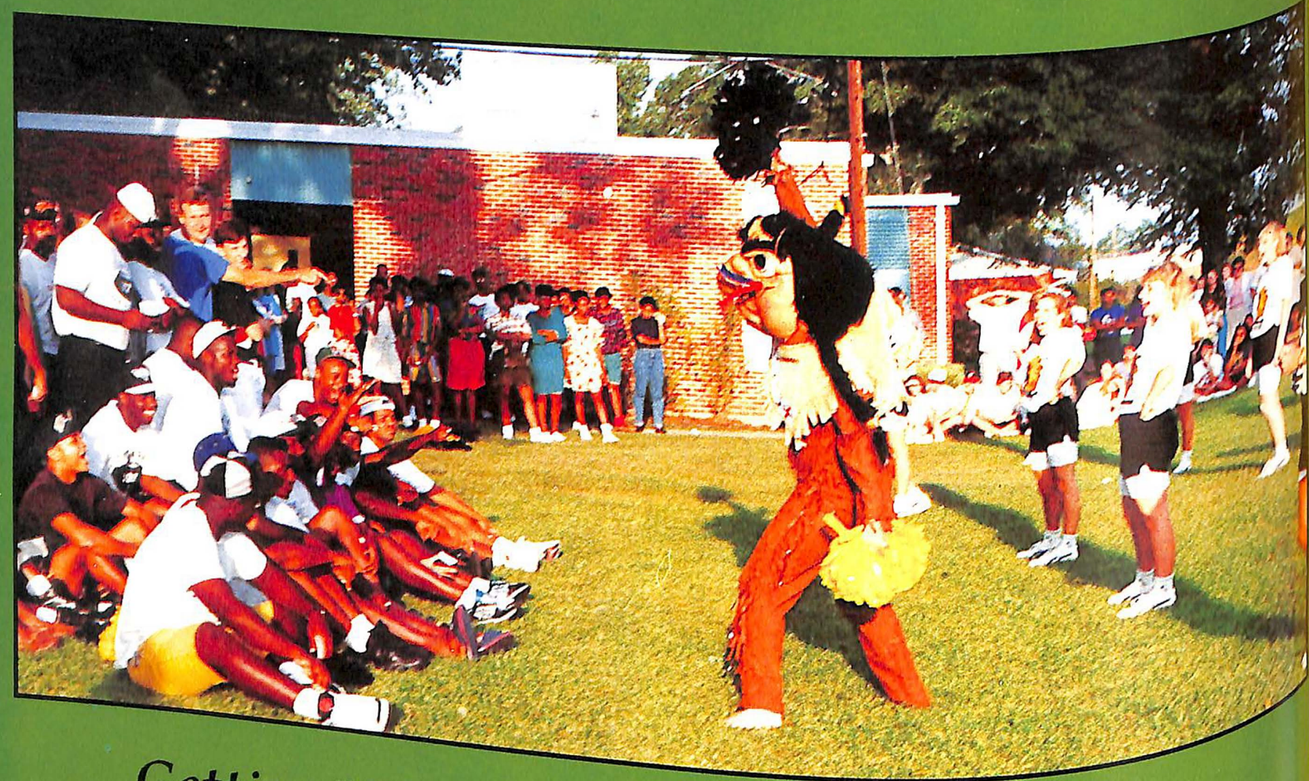

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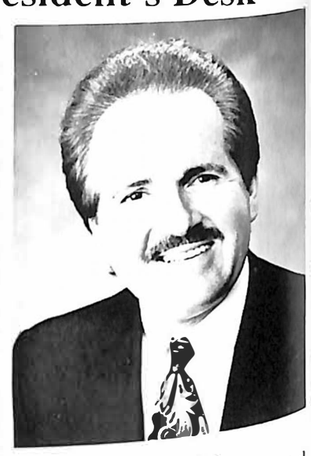
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On The Cover: Sophomores Cyndi Sharp and Chris Vowell, both of Philadelphia, enjoy a recent spring day on the Decatur campus.

From The President's Desk



What a semester this has been at East Central Community College!

The 1993 spring term began with an all-time record enrollment of 1422 students - which surpassed the previous record of 1402 students.

Also, this semester marked the beginning of the college's participation in the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Program. Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, instituted the innovative leadership project with the assistance of a 1.8 million dollar grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. East Central is one of 57 two-year colleges selected nationwide to participate in the project, developed especially for students of community, technical, and junior colleges, and for community activists who are seeking formal leadership training. Serving as instructors are ECCC faculty members Dr. Richard Ethridge and Mr. Ovid Vickers who participated in special training sessions held last fall at the Airlie Foundation Conference Center in Airlie, Virginia.

The college is pleased with the ongoing success of our new Licensed Practical Nursing Program which began last fall. The maximum limit of 26 students were enrolled in the program and are scheduled to complete the one-year course this summer. Plans are continuing for East Central to offer additional health-related programs of study in the near future.

No doubt the most exciting event to take place this semester was our men's basketball team's 87-85 overtime win over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for the 1993 Mississippi Community and Junior College Men's Basketball State Championship!

My sincere congratulations go to Coach Marty Cooper, team assistant (and coach's wife) Jennifer Cooper, student assistant Chris Croft, manager Keith Thrash, student trainer Terry Burkes, and team members Michael Coats, Anthony Coleman, Stanley Ford, Michael Holbert, Anthony Huddleston, Marcus Mann, Eric Morgan, Stacy Miller, Matt Riley, Markee Sanders, Harold Scott, Cederic Sledge, Undric Thomas and Clay Ward.

In the two years he has led the men's basketball program, Coach Cooper's teams have compiled an overall 52-13 record. Last year's team went 28-5 and won the South Division Tournament and were runners-up for the state championship. This year's squad had a 24-8 mark.

The last time an East Central men's basketball team won a state title was in 1953. Members of the that team were J.P. Hurst, Denver Brackeen, Bob Lassetter, Howard Sessums, Herman Robinson, Bill Livengood, Charlie Thrash, John Reagan, John Williams, James Lewis Nelson, Joe Todd, and Edgar Castles. That team was coached by Mr. Arno Vincent.

The only other championship came in 1931. Those squad members included Clois Caldwell, Jack Madden, J. D. Harris, Bart Harrington, Orville Mayson, Paul Bullard, Jeff Loper, captain; Frank Davis, R. H. (Dick) Baxter, Coach; R. C. Pugh, superintendent; and Ormond Pearson, manager.

Our men's basketball program has now equalled the number of state titles won by our women's teams. Miss Lucille Wood coached the 1978-79 and 1975-76 championship squads and coach Marguerite Dacey led the Warriorettes to the 1935-36 title.

Again, congratulations to Coach Cooper, his staff, and players for having such an outstanding season.

We are all mighty proud!!!

I would also like to mention that several campus projects are underway or will begin in the near future, including construction of a new dressing room facility for athletic teams, renovation of Leake Hall, landscaping at the baseball field, restoration of "Sullivan Park", opening a Pizza Hut in the grill, and the completion of the Huff Auditorium Refurbishing Project. Some of these projects are made possible by your contributions to the ECCC Development Foundation. As always, the support of our alumni, faculty, and other friends of East Central Community College is very much needed and most appreciated!!!

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1993 — A Look Ahead

The 1993 calendar year promises to be another significant period for East Central Community College.

The spring semester began with a new course being offered not only for students but for community-minded citizens as well.

Listed on the class schedule as Leadership and Organizational Development, the three-semester hour course is a project of the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Program.

The international honor society tapped East Central for participation in the special course, with funding provided through a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan.

By offering the leadership course, East Central has the opportunity of providing its district with an innovative program "which will develop able and ethical community leaders prepared to address the challenges of tomorrow," according to a PTK spokesman.

Serving as class instructors are long-time ECCC faculty members Dr. Richard Ethridge and Mr. Ovid Vickers.

Plans for 1993 also include continuing the application process to offer an Associate of Degree Nursing Program, construction of a new dressing room facility for athletic teams, a dormitory renovation project, completion of the Huff Auditorium Refurbishing Project, and the beginning of women's intercollegiate softball.

The college plans to begin offering the ADN Program in the 1994 fall semester.

Last fall East Central began offering Licensed Practical Nursing, a one-year vocational program of study. Enrollment for the two-instructor course is a maximum 26 students.

In an effort to better serve members of the Warrior baseball team and visiting football players, the college is seeking bids to construct a new dressing room facility.

Currently, baseball players dress for games in their dormitory rooms and visiting football squads utilize a weight-room in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Once a bid for construction is approved, the facility should be completed by the 1993 fall semester.

Following passage in 1992 of Senate Bill 3057 authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance various construction projects and land acquisitions, East Central announced plans for a dormitory renovation project.

As a result of the legislation, the Office of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management has given approval for the college to initiate a repairs and renovation of Leake Hall, a dormitory utilized by college personnel and married students.

Funding in the amount of $490,000 has been targeted for the project, which includes renovating the existing 16 single bedroom apartments and replacing the corrugated cement asbestos roof with a new metal roof to match campus architecture.

Also included in the funding measure is an additional $90,000 to replace electrical transformers at Burton Library and the Fine Arts Building.

Scheduled for completion this year is the third and final phase of the Huff Auditorium Refurbishing Project, which involves replacing the stage lighting/sound system and floor covering, and repairing the original seating in the 40-year-old structure.

Dr. Richard Ethridge addresses a group of local leaders enrolled in the first Leadership Newton County classes held on the Decatur campus. The evening classes, which continue through June, are being offered as part of the Phi Theta Kappa/W.K. Kellogg Foundation Leadership Development Project in an attempt "to develop able and ethical community leaders prepared to address the challenges of tomorrow." Funding for the project is also provided by area sponsors. Also serving as course instructor is Ovid Vickers whose class meets as part of the regular day time schedule.

Total cost of the final phase is estimated at $45,616. However, with the current cash on hand at $10,373, actual funding needed is $35,243.

Over $60,000 has been raised through private donations to upgrade the auditorium, a project of the college's Development Foundation. Renovations previously completed include the installation of an air conditioning system and replacement of stage curtains and window drapes.

For the first time, East Central is offering women's intercollegiate softball, with participation for the current semester composed of non-scholarship athletes. Scholarships are scheduled to be offered beginning with the 1993 fall term.

Other plans for 1993 include:

- New heating and air conditioning system installed in the Gordon Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.
- Purchase of a new 16-passenger van.
- Purchase of an optical scanner for the Office of Admissions, Records and Research. The new equipment will be utilized for the automating of grade reporting, absentee reporting,

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ECCC President Receives Prestigious Honor Society Award

Dr. Eddie M. Smith has been selected a recipient of the Bennett Award of Distinction, the lifetime achievement award of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. Dr. Smith will be presented the prestigious award at the annual International PTK Convention scheduled in Dallas on April 17, 1993.

Dr. Smith, president of East Central Community College since 1985, has remained an active supporter of Phi Theta Kappa since his induction into Theta Xi Chapter in 1962 when he was a student at East Central. He later was selected chapter president.

He currently serves as Presidential Ambassador for the Mississippi-Louisiana Region and was appointed to the Campaign Steering Committee to help plan the development of a new International Headquarters to be located in Jackson, Ms. In addition, Dr. Smith serves on the PTK Leadership Awareness Committee and has maintained his commitment to the success of the Leadership Program. He was instrumental in the formation of "Leadership Newton County," the first community based class taught using the PTK Leadership course.

Dr. Smith also provides direction for Chapter projects which benefit the college and community. Some of the projects in which he has been directly involved include fund-raising activities for the Heart Fund and the annual Veterans' Day program held on campus. He encourages chapter participation in projects such as the Adopt-A-Highway program, among others.

Mrs. Ann Burkes, who serves as chapter advisor along with Dr. Shelby Harris, said Dr. Smith's support of Phi Theta Kappa on the local, regional and international level "is evident by his participation in and support for local chapter activities, his work for the society in the Mississippi-Louisiana area, and the time and talents he gives to the international staff."

"It seems only fitting that the efforts of this dedicated college president be recognized by his selection as the Bennett Distinguished President for 1993. We are all very proud," she said.

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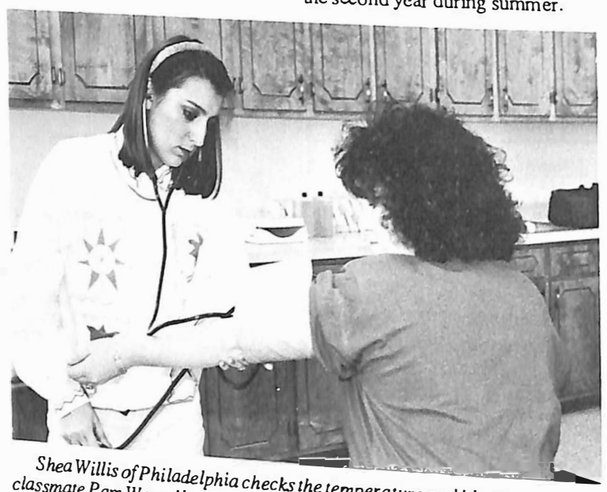
and for compiling the college's institutional effectiveness surveys received from alumni, students and others. The optical scanner will reduce the amount of personnel time currently required for the previously mentioned tasks.

- ECCC Players presented "Oliver!" March 31 through April 3.
- Expanded Kids' College and Junior High Enrichment Program scheduled during summer months.
- Elderhostel Program planned for the second year during summer.



Shea Willis of Philadelphia checks the temperature and blood pressure of classmate Pam Worrell of Forest. The freshmen are enrolled in the college's first Licensed Practical Nursing program which began last fall.

Bridgman Reports 23 Football Signees

Warrior head football coach Reese Bridgman has announced the signing of 23 football players for the 1993 season.

Signees include the following:

Quarterback Brad Peterson (5-10, 180) and guard Derek Coleman (5-10, 245), both of Louisville;

Quarterback Germaine Chambers (6', 165) and running back Tremaine Chambers (6', 170), both of Noxapater;

Linebacker Lyndell Streeter (6-3, 195) and running back Sammy Patten (5-9, 170), both of Nanih Waiya;

Running back John Nash (5-10, 175), linebacker Brad Moody (6', 220), wide receiver/defensive back Charles Miller (5-8, 160), and kicker/offensive lineman Lundy Brantley (5-10, 225), all of Neshoba Central;

Cornerback Jermaine Boler (5-10, 170) of Philadelphia;

Strong safety/running back Jeff White (5-10, 174) of Scott Central;

Wide receiver Russell Johnson (6-2, 185) of South Leake;

Offensive lineman James Murphy (6-3, 275), wide receivers Kindall Hall (6-3, 170) and George Gill (6-2, 160) and defensive lineman Steve Ricks (6', 245), all of Carthage;

Offensive lineman Mark West (5-10, 240) of Forest;

Offensive lineman Michael Thompson (6-1, 275) of Morton;

Wide receiver Patrick Washington (6-2 1/2, 190) of Jackson, LA, and a transfer from McNeese State University in Lake Charles;

Offensive lineman Marlon Black (6-3, 310) of Bristol, Florida;

Kicker Anthony Phipps (5-10, 180) of Baton Rouge; and

Offensive lineman Jason Duncan (6-1, 250) of Lake.

Pouncey, Parkes Named ECCC HEADWAE Honorees

Psychology instructor Mrs. Alice Pouncey and sophomore accounting major Brandi Parkes, both of Decatur, were selected East Central's outstanding teacher and student, respectively, for 1992-93 and were recognized along with other honorees from the state's colleges and universities during Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) held in February, 1993. The annual observance, sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature, was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

Mrs. Pouncey has been a member of the ECCC faculty for 24 years and has served as home economics instructor along with her current teaching duties. In addition, she has served as Fashion Squad director for 20 years and has been responsible for conducting numerous charm clinics and workshops on manners and social etiquette.

She is a recipient of various honors, including the annual Lamplighter Award, presented to outstanding community and junior college instructors; the State 4-H Alumni Award; and the District Outstanding Home Economics Teacher of the Year in Alabama, prior to beginning her teaching career in Mississippi.

Mrs. Pouncey holds membership in several professional organizations, including the Mississippi Associa-

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Governor's Wife Visits Campus

Mrs. Pat Fordice (left) was recently honored with a mid-morning reception on the Decatur campus and is shown meeting sophomore Brandi Parkes during the College Republicans - sponsored event. Also pictured are (from left) club representative Penny Rogers, a sophomore non-traditional student from Walnut Grove; club sponsor Dr. Richard Ethridge; and sophomore Kevin Clark of Decatur.

Officials Announce Plans To Restore 'Sullivan Park'

Plans have been set in motion by members of the Alumni Association, the administration, the faculty, and the board of trustees to restore a nature area on the East Central campus known as Sullivan Park.

The area is located north of Newsome Hall, and was, during her tenure at East Central, a part of the campus that Mrs. Janie Sullivan and her Education and Psychology classes cared for, and used, as a recreation and teaching area. Some trees and a few shrubs planted by these groups remain today.

Mrs. Sullivan was a great lover of flowers and people. At assembly each week she always placed a basket of flowers on the stage. (Weekly assembly was a part of college life at that time.) At special events on campus and in the auditorium she had her students create arrangements of flowers that she and the men in her classes grew in a flower garden where Newsome Hall now stands.

Mrs. Sullivan was greatly revered as a person and teacher. At East Central she not only taught education and psychology, she also managed the bookstore, supervised the dining hall, took tickets at ball games, sponsored the YWCA, led noonday devotion and morning watch, and also found time to attend every basketball game.

She was a champion of, and a friend to, needy students. If a student needed financial assistance in order to stay in school, Mrs. Sullivan would see to it that the student received the help needed.

It is hoped that the area designated as Sullivan Park can once again be restored to its former beauty. This will be a special place, shaded by the huge pine trees that are already in place. Azaleas and dogwoods are to be planted along with spring bulbs and other accent plants. The garden will include a sitting area, walkways, and a memorial marker with columns leading from the street to the garden area.

The goal of the group is to raise $10,000 for the contract services necessary to create the garden, and, if possible, for the purchase of a gazebo.

It is the hope of the group that work will be underway so that plants and shrubs can be set in November or December.

All those connected with East Central can be a part of this Memorial Garden. The garden will be a labor of love, created to honor one who gave so much to the students of East Central Community College.

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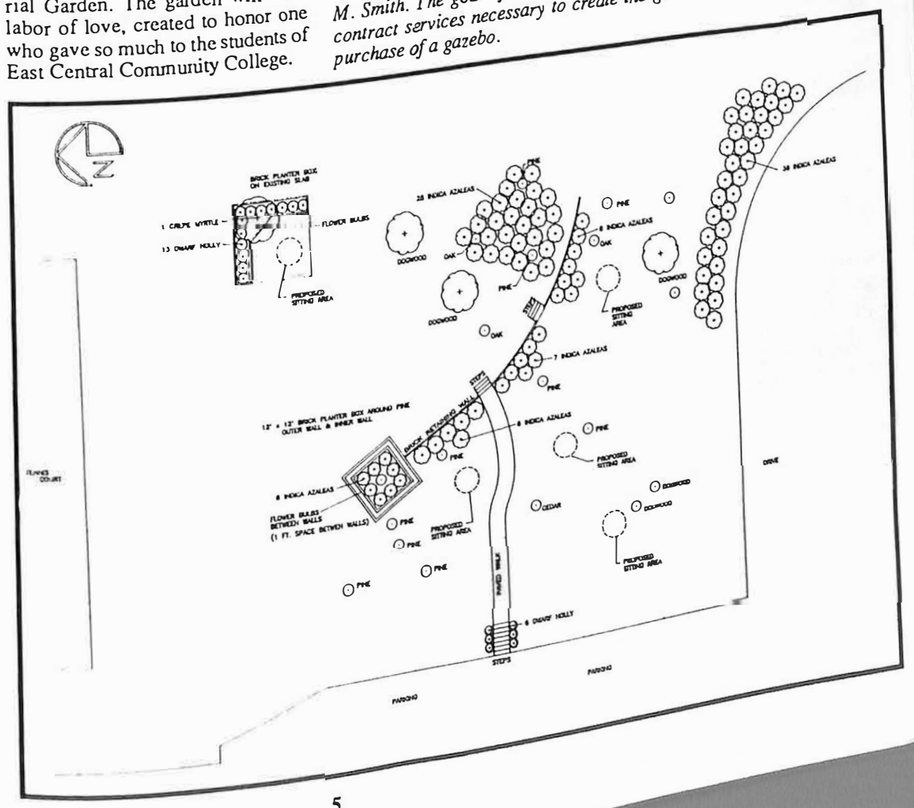
Making Plans

Making plans to restore Sullivan Park are (from left) trustees Jerry Nance and Dr. Fred Perkins, both of Louisville; faculty member Lucille Wood; Board Vice Chairman Jerry K. Moore of Carthage and Board Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. The goal of the restoration project is to raise $10,000 for the contract services necessary to create the garden, and if possible, for the purchase of a gazebo.



Jim L. Blackburn

Blackburn Joins East Central Staff

Jim L. Blackburn of Newton has joined the East Central faculty as an electronic technology instructor, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

Blackburn, who began his new duties in January, 1993, was previously employed as a pattern maker for Soule Steam Feed Works in Meridian. He earlier served as a systems maintenance technician at Magnolia Business Systems in Pearl where he received extensive experience in electronic repair and service. He was also formerly employed at Peavy Electronics in Decatur.

He has been actively involved in Boy Scouts. He is a previous recipient of the Eagle Scout badge.

Blackburn is a graduate of New-

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ECCC Beauties, Beaus

Beauties and beaus selected at East Central for 1993 include (front row, from left) beauties Cara Matlock of Hickory and Shellie Griffin of Union; Most Beautiful Lori Rogers of Walnut Grove; beauties Dana Herrington of Union and Carree Tucker of Carthage; and (back row, from left) beaus Daniel Landry of Plaquemine, LA, and Robbie Pierce of Union; Most Handsome Todd Vowell of Louisville; and beaus Bob Templet of Plaquemine, LA, and Kirk Weems of Newton. The annual pageant was held January 26 in Huff Auditorium. Radio personality and ECCC alumnus Matt Alford of Forest served as Master of Ceremonies.

Lovett Named ECCC Instructor

Billy R. Lovett of Forest has joined the ECCC faculty as a psychology instructor, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

Lovett, a retired naval officer with 27 years service, was previously employed at East Central as an adjunct faculty member.

He began full-time teaching duties in January, 1993.

Lovett began his military career in 1963 and served as flight officer and instructor until he retired in 1990.

He also has public school teaching experience as he previously served as psychology and speech instructor at Pensacola (Florida) High School, where he was named a Merit Scholar Teacher under a program instituted by the Florida Department of Education. In addition, he served as speech and debate instructor as a graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Lovett, a Forest High School graduate, received an Associate of Arts degree from East Central Junior College, a bachelor's degree in speech from USM and a master's of science

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tion of Women in Higher Education, ECCC Faculty Club, Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association, Mississippi Professional Educators, and American Psychology Teachers (two-year college division).

In addition, she serves as president of Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Iota and is a member of the organization's state committee on by-laws, and she holds the title of Regent for the Bobashebea Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

An Adult 4-H Leader for 17 years, she is also a member the Newton County 4-H Advisory Council, 4-H Honor Club and is a lifetime member of Mississippi 4-H All Stars. She is a charter member and first president of the County Capital Garden Club.

Mrs. Pouncey is a member of Decatur United Methodist Church where she serves on the Council On Ministries and Administrative Board, Chairman of the Education Committee, choir member, and Sunday School teacher for first and second grade students.

She is a graduate of Enterprise High School, Jones County Junior College, the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received a bachelor's degree in home economics; and Livingston University, where she received a master's degree in education with emphasis in social science. In addition, she has completed over 30 hours of study above the master's degree at USM and Mississippi State University.

She is married to Ken Pouncey and they have three children: Alicia, Amy and Nick.

Mrs. Pouncey is the daughter of Julia B. Moore of Meridian and the late Robert E. Moore.

Parkes, a President's List Scholar, has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average and has received several academic honors. She was the recipient of the freshman mathematics award and the Order of Golden Key, presented to the most outstanding Phi Theta Kappa member in each chapter from the Mississippi-Louisiana region. PTK is an international honor society of the two-year college.

She has a leadership role in several organizations, as she serves as president of Phi Theta Kappa and the President's Council; vice president of the Warrior Corps; secretary of the sophomore class; treasurer of Phi Beta Lambda; and captain of the Diamond Girls. She is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta and the Fashion Squad and was chosen a sophomore homecoming maid.

A graduate of Newton County High School, she is the daughter of Brenda Parkes and the late Nicky Parkes.

Pouncey, Parkes Named

East Central sophomore Brandi Parkes (left) and psychology instructor Mrs. Alice Pouncey, both of Decatur, who have been named the community college's outstanding student and teacher, respectively, for the 1992-93 school term.

Blackburn Joins *Continued*

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ton County High School and East Central Community College. At East Central, he received an associate in applied science degree in electronic technology.

He is married to the former Karen Moulds of Newton and they have a daughter, Amanda.

October 16

Homecoming '93 Scheduled; Nominations Sought

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 16, 1993, because that's the date of the 1993 Homecoming activities, according to Dean of Instruction Dr. Phil Sutphin whose office coordinates the annual celebration.

Dr. Sutphin said special groups to be honored this year include all classes ending in "3", musical casts from 1973 and 1983, the men's football team and cheerleaders from 1955, and the women's basketball team from 1953-54.

Also scheduled to be honored are the 1993 recipients of Alumnus of the Year, Alumna of the Year, Outstanding Academic Instructor, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor, and inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dr. Sutphin said the deadline to receive nominations is July 2, 1993.

Nomination forms are printed below and when completed should be sent to: Alumni Association, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327-0129.

Additional information about Homecoming '93 will be announced at a later date.

NOMINATION FOR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Name: _____

High School: _____

Junior College: _____

Sports Lettered In: _____

Honors Received _____

College (if any) attended after ECCC: _____

Sports Lettered in and Honors Received: _____

_____

Signature

*Applications are subject to a two-year life span.

NOMINATION FOR ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

Work Experience:

Place	Position	Dates

Professional Affiliations and Honors: _____

Civic and Religious Activities and Honors: _____

Other: _____

Family:

Spouse: _____

Children and Ages: _____

Attach addition information, if needed.

Signature

*Applications are subject to a two-year life span.

NOMINATION FOR ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

Work Experience:

Place	Position	Dates

Professional Affiliations and Honors: _____

Civic and Religious Activities and Honors: _____

Other: _____

Family:

Spouse: _____

Children and Ages: _____

Attach addition information, if needed.

Signature

*Applications are subject to a two-year life span.

NOMINATION FOR OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____

Degrees: _____

Work Experience:

Place	Position	Dates

Professional Affiliations and Honors: _____

Civic and Religious Activities and Honors: _____

Other: _____

Family:

Spouse: _____

Children and Ages: _____

Accompany a letter on why this instructor should be selected "most outstanding." One academic and one vocational-technical instructor will be chosen.

*Applications are subject to a two-year life span.

Community College Month Proclaimed

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, seated left, president of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and of East Central Community College, looks on as Governor Kirk Fordice signs a proclamation declaring April as "Public Community and Junior College Month." Also present for the signing were, standing from left, Dr. Bobby Garvin, president, Mississippi Delta Community College; Ron Whitehead, college dean, Jones County Junior College; and college presidents Dr. Ted Alexander, Pearl River Community College; Dr. Clyde Muse, Hinds Community College; Dr. Vivian Presley, Coahoma Community College; Dr. Joe Childers, Northeast Mississippi Community College; Horace Holmes, Southwest Mississippi Community College; Dr. Billy Thames, Copiah-Lincoln Community College; Dr. David Cole, Haraway, Northwest Mississippi Community College; Dr. David Coats, Itawamba Community College; Dr. Barry Mellinger, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Dr. Tommy Davis, East Mississippi Community College; Dr. Starkey Morgan, Holmes Community College; and Dr. Bill Scaggs, Meridian Community College.

Fordice Signs Proclamation Praising Community Colleges

Governor Kirk Fordice has signed a proclamation declaring April as Public Community and Junior College month in the State of Mississippi

The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the fifteen community and junior college districts of Mississippi, encompassing thirty-three campuses or centers that are geographically accessible to all Mississippians, offer post-secondary university transfer, plus technical, vocational and continuing education programs of study to their 71,160 students; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi's public community and junior colleges provide industrial start-up training programs, industrial upgrade training programs and various in-service training program for business and industry, while serving as the delivery system for over 500 post-secondary vocational/technical education programs; and

WHEREAS, fifty-three percent of all students in public higher education in Mississippi are enrolled in community and junior colleges that are within commuting distance of their homes. These students benefit from high quality education at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, each of the State's public community and junior colleges holds full regional accreditation with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and are responsive to the local needs of the various districts:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kirk Fordice, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim April, 1993,

PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE MONTH

in Mississippi and encourage our citizens to observe this month with appropriate activities that express our recognition of the significant contributions these institutions make to the strength, vitality and prosperity of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United State of America, the two hundred and seventeenth.

Kirk Fordice, Governor

East Central Community College

1992 in Review

The reaffirmation of accreditation, record-setting enrollments, the selection of a second-straight Academic All American and two NJCAA Distinguished Academic All Americans, and the beginning of a Licensed Practical Nurse Program were major highlights for East Central Community College during the 1992 calendar year.

After successfully completing its institutional self-study program, East Central was notified in January ('92) that the college's accreditation was reaffirmed by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The self-study and reaffirmation is a process which each member institution must undergo every 10 years in order to remain accredited. The procedure insures that an institution meets minimum standards of quality and that it effectively fulfills its educational purposes.

A record spring semester enrollment helped usher in 1992 as 1333 students were enrolled in day and evening classes. The spring enrollment record would later be surpassed in the fall when 1402 students registered for classes.

For the second consecutive year, an East Central student was named to the Academic All American First Team for Community, Technical and Junior Colleges. Sophomore Tam Cooper of Decatur was the only Mississippian to receive the prestigious honor for 1991-92, which included a $2500 check to attend the university of her choice. The annual recognition program is sponsored by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, USA Today, and Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. The previous year the award was presented to sophomore Cay Clark of Chunky.

Two members of the 1991-92 Lady Warrior basketball team, Susan Williams of Hickory and Nicole Flint of Philadelphia, were named Distinguished Academic All Americans by the National Junior College Athletic Association. To be considered for the prestigious honor, nominees must have lettered in one or more sports recognized by the NJCAA and have an accumulated grade point average of 3.8 or better on a 4.0 scale for 60 quarter hours or 45 semester hours.

East Central offered a new course of study in the fall term, with the addition of a Licensed Practical Nurse Program. The LPN Program marked the continuation of a concerted effort by the college to offer careers in the health related field.

Other highlights of 1992 include the following:

- Roger Burkes of Decatur joined the ECCC faculty at the beginning of the 1992 spring term as an instructor of Automated Manufacturing Technology.

- The college adopted a new policy of guaranteeing its degrees and certificates and announced it will further certify that students who receive skills training are competent to perform those skills. The program was initiated to draw attention to the fact that the state's community and junior colleges are quality institutions delivering superior services to their students and communities served.

- Math instructor Mrs. Lois McMullan and Nicole Flint, a sophomore pre-dental major from Philadelphia, were selected the college's outstanding teacher and student, respectively, for the 1991-92 school year and were honored during the annual HEADWAE Program sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature. The special observance, known as Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence, was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

- The R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship to attend East Central Community College was announced by their four sons during a surprise 90th birthday party held for Mr. Hannah at Forest Country Club. Other scholarships established during 1992 included the Eastover Bank of Savings Scholarship, The Carthage Bank Scholarship and the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship.

- Head librarian Mrs. Ann Burkes, who also serves as co-sponsor of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college, was named a recipient of the Giles Distinguished Advisor Award. The annual award, which is given to only 15 advisors nationwide, was presented to Mrs. Burkes at the International PTK Convention held in Washington, D. C. She was previously honored by the organization with her selection as the outstanding regional PTK advisor, representing all chapters in Mississippi and Louisiana.

- A new grand piano was presented to the college from the Newton County Community Concerts Association.

- The college band program was the recipient of a new Peavey stereo mixer presented on behalf of Melia and Hartley Peavey.

- Students named to the All-State choir were J.C. Howell of Walnut Grove, Laura Jinkerson of Union, and Rachel McCool and Richard Nance, both of Louisville.

- A new era in Warrior football began during the spring term when Reese A. Bridgman, a Tylertown native, was selected head football coach. Coach Bridgman previously served as an assistant at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Coach Bridgman would later announce his staff assistants who included offensive coordinator Tommy Spillman, defensive coordinator Kelvin Lyons, offensive line and strength coach Chuck Maxie, and volunteer assistant and special teams coach Fredrick Lyons.

- Sophomore Michelle Wilcher of Carthage won first place honors in the machine transcription competition of the State Phi Beta Lambda Contest.

- Sophomore Martha Sibley of Newton was selected to WHO'S WHO in Phi Beta Lambda, an organization composed of business students.

- Thirteen vo-tech students won first place honors in the State VICA contest and later represented East Central and Mississippi in the national competition held in Louisville, Kentucky. Freshman Kim Goss was elected State Reporter.

- First year head coach Marty Cooper and his men's basketball team ended he 1991-92 campaign with a 28-5 record. The Warriors captured the South Division Tournament and won runners-up honors in the State Tournament. East Central also advanced to semi-final action of the Region 23 Tournament. Cooper was selected Men's Basketball Coach of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Coaches. He was also later named Men's Community/Junior College Basketball Coach of the Year by the Clarion Ledger. Sophomore guard Tony Bailey of Villa Rica, Georgia was named All Region 23 and All-State.

- Freshman Rochelle Sessums of Morton won first place honors in the formal essay category of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Creative Writing Association competition.

- The ECCC Players presented "The 1940's Radio Hour" as its spring musical production.

- The college yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo, won first place honors for "best copy" in the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Association competition.

- The Warrior baseball team had a record setting 1992 campaign by posting a 29-19 overall mark and a 14-10 slate in division competition. Several players also set individual records. Named to the All-State first

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in administration degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He has also attended seminars in course presentations and instruction at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. In addition, Lovett has completed graduate courses in abnormal psychology and social psychology at Mississippi State University.

Lovett is married to the former Sandra Cloud of Pensacola and they have two daughters: Laura Dietrich, a student at the University of California in Berkley, and Terrin, who resides in Oceanside, California.

Lovett's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lovett of Forest.

Billy R. Lovett

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team were pitcher/outfielder Trampas Amedee of St. Amant, Louisiana and second baseman David Martin of Bossier City, Louisiana. Amedee was also selected All Region 23.

- Sophomore pre-nursing major Lynda Lyons of Philadelphia was selected a National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award recipient.

- Students named to the All-State Band were Lisa Thompson and Misty Nowell, both of Louisville; Jay Fortenberry of Philadelphia, Sid McNeil of Decatur and David Ezell of Union.

- Awards Day activities were held in April with various honors presented to academic, technical and vocational students. Those inducted into the 1992 Hall of Fame were Nicole Flint of Philadelphia, James Johnson of Lena, Michelle Wilcher of Carthage, and Tam Cooper, Kim Griffin and Lamar Blalock, all of Decatur.

- Computer technology instructor Sara Griffin and Al Bailey, director of Vocational Individualized Development System, were honored for 20 years service at the "Apple for the Teacher Tea."

- Administrators and faculty members who retired following the 1992 spring term were Harvey Trapp, business manager and former business instructor; Clinton Russell, physical plant director; Carol Vickers, English instructor and yearbook advisor; and Dr. James Haggard, psychology instructor. (Mr. Trapp continued working at the college until a successor was selected during the fall term).

- A record 284 students were candidates for certificates and degrees at the 1992 spring commencement exercises.

- Dr. Eddie M. Smith was named to the Board of Directors of the Public Education Forum of Mississippi, Inc., a non-profit organization created to improve all levels of education in Mississippi.

- The Collegians were featured entertainers at Six Flags over Texas in Arlington. The performance marked their sixth straight appearance at a major theme park.

- East Central was selected to participate in the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Program, a project funded by a 1.8 million dollar grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan. Originated by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college, the course was developed especially for students of community, technical and junior colleges and for community activists who have no formal leadership training. East Central began offering the course during the 1993 spring term. Selected to teach the class are Dr. Richard Ethridge and Mr. Ovid Vickers.

- Sammy Pace, Lady Warrior coach and sociology instructor, was named athletic coordinator and began his new duties on July 1.

- The college hosted its first Elderhostel Program with participants from several states attending the week-long event, held in conjunction with the Neshoba County Fair.

- East Central welcomed several new personnel at the beginning of the 1992 fall term, including Mickey Vance, business manager; Mike Dearing, director of the physical plant; Sheila Terrell, vocational-technical counselor for special populations; Juanita West, English instructor and yearbook advisor; Kathy Evans and Sandra Thomas, Licensed Practical Nurse Program instructors; and Glenda Cater, college receptionist/secretary to the director of Adult and Continuing Education.

- East Central instructors selected for recognition at the annual Lamplighter Program included Tommy Thrash, representing the division of Social Science, Business Administration and Education; Thomas W. Carson, Humanities and Fine Arts; Ricky Harrison, Vocational-Technical; and Joe Clark, Math and Science.

- Carpentry and Cabinetmaking instructor Larry Blackburn of Decatur was selected to the new position of Workforce Specialist. Henry Sibley of Newton was named as temporary instructor.

- Homecoming honorees for 1992 included Earl Marshall of Clinton, Alumnus of the Year; June Bailey of Gulfport, Alumna of the Year; Ron Davis, Outstanding Academic Instructor; Lester Miles, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor; and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Evelyn Bender of Newton, Joe Clark of Decatur and the late Dr. Bert Thompson of Clinton.

- Amy Apperson of Philadelphia was crowned Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies of the ECCC-Hinds football game. Maid of Honor was Jennifer Anderson of Decatur. Sophomore maids included Misty Nowell of Louisville, Shellie Griffin of Union and Brandi Parkes of Decatur. Freshman maids were Tanya Beckham and Leigh Ann Perdeye, both of Philadelphia, and Rhonda Hill of West Point.

- Congressman G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery was featured speaker during Veterans' Day program held on the Decatur campus.

- The ECCC Players presented "Here Lies Jeremy Troy" as its fall dinner theater performance.

- Football players named the 1992 All State first team included linebacker Terry Nunn of Mobile, receiver Keith Dailey of Louisville and punter Jason Cain of Chunky. Nunn, Dailey and Mac Thompson of Woodstock, Alabama were named to the South All-Star squad.

- Former carpentry and cabinetmaking instructor Larry Blackburn and members of his 1991 spring semester class were presented a first place award in the 1992 Take Pride in America competition in recognition of a nature trail they constructed at Turkey Creek Water Park near Decatur.

- Sophomores Jay Fortenberry and Dewey Stovall, both of Philadelphia, Monte Suggs of Union, Mark Norman of Newton and Philip Hill of Louisville were named National Collegiate Engineering Award winners.

- New faculty members selected for the 1993 spring term included psychology instructor Bill Lovett of Forest, who had been serving on a part-time basis, and electronic technology instructor Jim Blackburn of Newton.

Record Enrollment Reported at ECCC

An all-time record enrollment has been reported at East Central as 1422 students are currently enrolled in day and evening classes. The spring enrollment total surpasses the previous record of 1402 students who attended the college during the 1992 fall term. The record enrollment is an 89-student increase as compared to the 1992 spring attendance figure of 1333 students.

Included in the record enrollment are 853 full-time students and 569 students who take classes on a part-time basis. A total of 443 students are enrolled in evening classes offered on the Decatur campus and at various locations in Carthage, Philadelphia, Louisville, Forest and the Choctaw Reservation.

The following statistics compare the 1993 and 1992 spring semesters.

	1993	1992
Academic full-time	571	543
Technical full-time	150	151
Vocational full-time	132	139
Total full-time	853	833
Academic part-time	515	451
Technical part-time	54	55
Total part-time	569	506
Total Student Enrollment	1422	1339

Weems to Perform at Opryland, U.S.

Kirk Weeks, 19-year-old son of Buddy and Angelia Weems of Newton has been selected to be a performer at Opryland, U.S. for the summer of 1993.

Kirk was selected by the Talent Search Corporation which does hiring for Six Flags in Texas, Disneyworld in Florida, and Opryland in Tennessee. He was selected for Opryland because of his combination of dance, gymnastic, and music abilities.

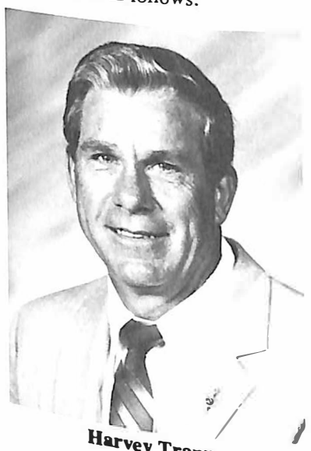
Kirk is currently serving as President of the Student Body Association at East Central and is captain of the cheerleaders. He is also a member of the Collegians and the ECCC Players. Scheduled to graduate in May, 1993, from East Central, Kirk will report the day after graduation to Opryland in Nashville and will work at the theme park until the end of August, 1993.

Kirk Weeks

Trapp Honored With Resolution

A resolution paying tribute to Harvey Trapp of Decatur, retired business manager at East Central, was adopted by the college's Board of Trustees at its December, 1992 meeting.

The resolution, signed by Board Chairman Henry B. Hudspeth and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, reads as follows:



Harvey Trapp

WHEREAS Harvey Trapp, esteemed graduate of East Central Community College who served as instructor and business manager for the past 20 years, tendered his resignation effective November 30, 1992, and

WHEREAS Harvey Trapp is held in high esteem by his superiors, peers, and subordinates because of his untiring efforts on behalf of the College, and

WHEREAS Harvey Trapp has worked dependably, tirelessly, and selfishly to keep the business operations of the College in conformity with accepted requirements and procedures, and

WHEREAS Harvey Trapp has provided an excellent example for all through his caring, gentlemanly, and ethical manner, and

WHEREAS Harvey Trapp has demonstrated initiative in fulfilling the responsibilities of his position, and

WHEREAS Harvey Trapp has accepted and embarked upon all work assignments in a professional and congenial manner, and

WHEREAS Harvey Trapp has received commendation and praise from his peers and others for his effective efforts as instructor and business manager;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College expresses its appreciation to Mr. Harvey Trapp and gratefully acknowledges his many contributions to the institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be given to Mr. Harvey Trapp.,

ADOPTED THIS THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1992.

Wins State Honor

Larry Blackburn, former East Central carpentry instructor, displays first place awards he was presented on behalf of his spring 1991 class which received top honors in the 1992 Take Pride in America competition. The award-winning project involved the construction of a nature trail at Turkey Creek Water Park near Decatur. Under Blackburn's leadership, the 16 Earth Team volunteers cleared about one and a half miles of trails and constructed foot bridges and nesting boxes for water flow and songbirds along the trail. Blackburn, who earlier resigned as carpentry instructor after being selected to the new position of Workforce Specialist, was presented the state honor by Mrs. Kirk Fordice at the sixth annual Take Pride in Mississippi awards luncheon held at Roosevelt State Park in Morton. East Central was one of two state winners in the Educational category; an award was also presented to Mendenhall Elementary School.

ECCC's Cooper Named 'Coach of the Year'

Coach Marty Cooper was selected the Clarion-Ledger's Mississippi Community/Junior College Men's Basketball Coach of the Year for 1992.

Cooper, now in his second year at the Warrior helm, guided the 1991-92 team to a 28-5 record and a South Division championship. East Central finished runners-up in state tournament action and advanced to semi-final competition in the Region 23 Tournament. In recognition of his outstanding leadership in his first year as head coach, Cooper was chosen men's basketball "Coach of the Year" by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Coaches.

Cooper's 1992-93 squad recently won state championship honors and finished with a 24-8 record, despite losing all five starters from last year.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Cooper previously served as an assistant men's basketball coach at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and at Armstrong State College in Savannah, Georgia.

He received a bachelor's degree at Rio Grande College in Ohio and a master's degree from Miami University.

Cooper is married to the former Jennifer Higgins of Cincinnati who also serves as a team assistant.

Marty Cooper

Elderhostel Program Will Again Be Offered

For the second year, East Central Community College will sponsor an Elderhostel during the first week in August. After the highly successful Elderhostel during the summer of 1992, Gene Davis, Director of Continuing Education at the college, expects even greater participation in the 1993 program.

Beginning on Sunday, August 1 and running through Friday, August 6, this year's program will revolve around the theme of "East Central Mississippi: An Exploration of Folklore, Festivals, and History" and will once again feature visits to place of interest in the area, including the famed Neshoba County Fair with an afternoon at the races and dinner at a family cabin.

Housing for the week will be in air-conditioned dorms on the campus with most meals being served in Mabry Cafeteria. Mornings will be spent in lectures and demonstrations with members of the East Central faculty serving as leaders. Afternoons will include field trips to places of interest in the area. One highlight will be a "Civil War Tour" of Newton County.

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Mary Massengale to Retire

Mary Massengale has, for the past twenty-four years, taken care of the physical, mental, and emotional needs of the East Central Community College student body. Mary is East Central's nurse. When she comes to work each morning, she is usually greeted by a group of students, composed of those who sincerely need her attention and those who, on the other hand, have thought up some ache or pain in hopes of getting an excuse to miss class.

Being the discerning person that she is, Mary quickly separates those who truly need her attention. The other group she sends off to class with a smile and a pat on the back. On May 14, she will meet these students for the last time. Mary has decided to retire at the end of the 1992-93 college year.

In her long tenure at East Central, Mary has treated everything from a headache to a broken leg. In her work she is noted for the cool head she keeps. If an emergency arises on some part of the campus and she is needed, Mary gathers up her nurse's bag, walks or drives across the campus, and takes charge of the situation. When she speaks, people move because she has proved many times that she is a capable individual.

Mary graduated from Hickory High School. After graduation, she married Sim Massengale, and they became the parents of three daughters. The daughters are Marilyn Rainer who is now a nursing home administrator; Donita Schellback who, along with her husband, owns and operates Colonial Enterprises; and Cheryl Furgerson who is a first grade teacher at Lake Elementary School.

After working at East Central for a number of years as a practical nurse, Mary returned to school and earned an A.A. Degree at East Central. She then entered the nursing program at Meridian Community College and after completing her State Boards became a Registered Nurse and also a Registered Emergency Medical Technician. In 1989, she became certified as a Clinical Examiner for the Educational Testing Service.

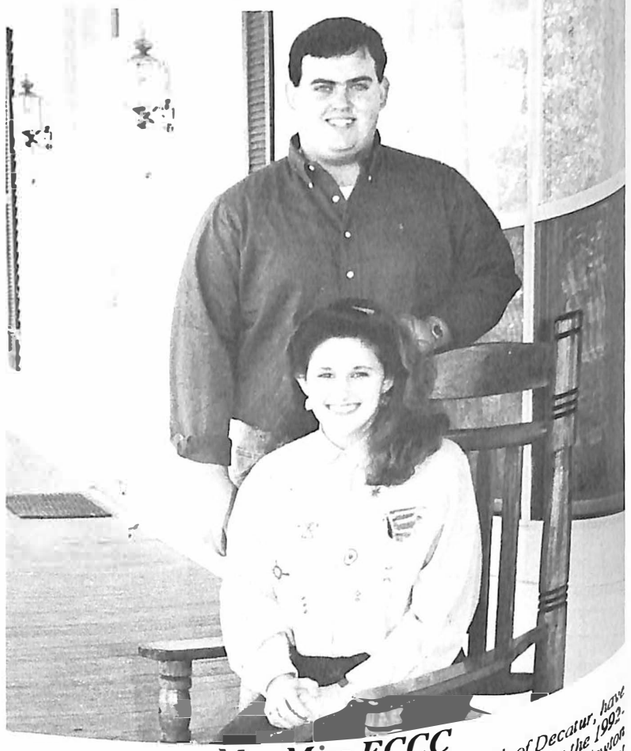
At East Central, Mary has proved to be as effective in the classroom as she is in the college clinic. For a number of years she has taught a class in Emergency Medical Technology for the college. Her students are now employed all across Mississippi and the South.

Mary says that when she graduated from Hickory High School she never dreamed that she would spend so many years on the East Central campus. When she was employed, she felt right a home because three members of her graduating class (Denver Brackeen, Herman Robinson and Glen Hicks) were already members of the East Central faculty.

"I have enjoyed being at East Central," Mary says. "I have felt that I served a real need and that for the most part people appreciate the things I did for them. Being at East Central has been like being a part of a very large but a very real family. I have felt comfortable in my work, and I have enjoyed the many friends among the faculty and student body that I have made over the years."

East Central will miss Mary Massengale. She is a dedicated person who knows her job and is appreciated by the faculty, staff, and student body. She will be difficult to replace.

Mary Massengale



Mr., Miss ECCC

Sophomores Kevin Clark and Jennifer Anderson, both of Decatur, have been selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College for the 1992-93 school year. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, is a graduate of Newton County High School. At East Central, Clark serves as treasurer of the Student Body Association, president and assistant technical editor of The Tom-Tom, election committee chairman and baseball team manager. He is a member of the President's Council, tennis team, Phi Beta Lambda, ECCC College Republicans, ECCC Players and he participates in intramural sports. Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Anderson, is also a graduate of Newton County High School. At East Central, Anderson serves as secretary of the Student Body Association, president of the Warrior Corps, vice president of the President's Council and historian for Phi Theta Kappa. She also serves as a "model" for PTK. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and the Fashion Squad. A President's List Scholar, she has been nominated as an Academic All American and was selected to WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS. She was named an All-American Scholar. She was voted a freshmanc lass favorite and participates in intramural sports.

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Cost of the week's program is $290 for resident students and $150 for commuters.

According to Davis who developed the original Elderhostel Program at East Central, "The week will feature historians and folklorists who will examine the area's history, myths, legends, tall tales, and folk medicine. Field trips will include the Choctaw Indians Reservation, a 19th century opera house, a pioneer grist mill, and the Neshoba County Fair."

Those interested in the Elderhostel Program may contact Gene Davis at East Central.

We Get Letters

February 11, 1993
Bubby Johnston
East Central Community College
Public Information Director
Box 50
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The Mississippi Community College Foundation has received national recognition from NCMPR Paragon Awards for having one of the three most outstanding Community Relations Programs in the nation in 1992. This is an honor that brings great credit to the Mississippi Community College Foundation (MCCF), the individual colleges and the state of Mississippi.

The Hour of Educational Accountability, attended by approximately 1200 state education and business leaders in September of 1992, was a great success because it was a decentralized effort by the talented people from all of the 15 community colleges. Your role in the Hour added immeasurably to its success. We were so successful in 1992 that we will have a difficult time equaling that success in 1993, but I know we will have your enthusiastic support as we try.

On behalf of MCCF, its officers and Board of Directors, I express to you and your associates our deepest appreciation for your support of the Hour.

Warm Personal Regards,
George E. Wynne
Executive Director, MCCF

Dr. Eddie Smith, President
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Mr. Smith:

A hundred years ago, not quite, I joined the faculty at ECJC. At the tender age of twenty-three, lacking two months, I marveled at the wisdom and experience of my older colleagues. For eight years I gleaned from founding faculty Stella Bayliss Newsome and Janie Huff Sullivan and from faculty precursor Una Harris, the art of excellent teaching. Lindsey Ogletree Todd was a master teacher in administration. Leaving ECJC in 1958 for an administrative/teaching post at Tulane, followed by similar positions at Mercer, Skidmore, and Vanderbilt from which I retired as Vice Chancellor, I thrived for thirty-five years as an administrator/teacher. In all those years I never met, relatively, anyone or any situation not first encountered at ECJC.

Since 1958 I have maintained loose contact with my very first professional colleagues, though many are now dead. Among my favorites is Una Harris, and I hear from her that you are among her favorites. With East Tennessee family interests, I occasionally find myself in Johnson City and often call upon Una. On one such occasion, last September, I called on Una seven days before her 92nd birthday. She had just returned from church to her nursing home quarters, and I photographed her in good form, telling her that I would send one snapshot to you, who she greatly admires. She covets receipt of the Tom-Tom, which she "sponsored" for many years, and of the Wo-He-Lo, which I sponsored before she.

The next time I am in Decatur I hope that I shall have the opportunity for a brief visit with you. In that place are many happy memories, including marrying the 1954 May Queen and the birth of my two eldest children, one now a successful lawyer and the other a successful motion picture producer.

Yours truly,
William T. Haywood
P.O. Box 1176
Columbia, TN 38402

Dr. Eddie Smith, President
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Dr. Smith,

I am thoroughly enjoying all the new ways that East Central is communicating with alumni. Through letters and THE WARRIOR I feel I am back in my home of 19 years (we moved to the campus when I was two) and in the school where I finished high school and went to junior college. Thank you so much.

I have not had the opportunity to attend a homecoming or other events in Decatur for many years but both my brother and I have watched the campus grow and change when we drive Mother over when we are in Mississippi. I am wondering now if there is something that our family could do to contribute to these changes by starting or supporting a project to make the campus a lovely outdoor place in which to be and to learn.

If such a project is desirable, the least we could perhaps do is contribute to a fund to purchase trees, shrubs, perennials. I wonder, however, if there is some way that such a beautification project could be part of a teaching program on horticulture and environmental preservation. You may well already have such a project or projects in mind. If so, perhaps we can be involved in supporting the plans.

We look forward to conversations with you about East Central. Thank you and your staff again for the lively communications.

Sincerely,
The Rev. Jane Todd Gurry
St. Mark's Church
1725 New Hope Road
Raleigh, North Carolina 27604

Christmas, 1992
Dear Mr. Vickers:

By this means of correspondence I would like to bring you up to date on our family.

Jimmy retired from coaching football at the end of the 1990 football season. He continues to be Assistant Principal at the high school here. After going into administration, he found that the two jobs were simply too much and at this stage in his career, it was practical to give up coaching rather than administration. He thoroughly enjoyed his 25 years of coaching high school football and we both have many happy and fond memories, however, we are also enjoying life without football. We are now able to do some of the things we could not do before such as going to the Neshoba County Fair in Mississippi each August and to the mountains in the fall to enjoy the leaves. Jimmy has taken up golf again and enjoys playing after school and on week-ends.

I continue to teach three-year olds in church preschool and continue to love it!

Debbie and her husband, Chris, moved to Atlanta from Florida in July, 1991. Chris is an electrical engineer with Ebasco Enterprises and was transferred to Norcross, GA. Debbie returned to school at Georgia Tech where she is a Doctoral student in Bioengineering. She has a research assistantship and works part-time too. They are very happy to be back in Atlanta.

Jim graduated from Georgia Southern in August and is teaching elementary physical education and coaching junior varsity football and tennis in Quitman, GA. (Very south Georgia, ten miles from Florida.) He likes his job very much.

We hope that 1993 will be a healthy, happy and prosperous year for you. May God bless each of you.

Jimmy and Margaret Kilpatrick
C-1 Peter St.
Cochran, GA 31014

Alumni Support Needed In Recruiting Students

Alumni and other East Central supporters plays an important role in recruiting prospective students, an effort that is "very much needed" and "most appreciated" as the college strives for increased enrollments, according to Dr. Gerald White, dean of students.

"Even though East Central has a record enrollment this spring, we still have to work even harder to maintain and hopefully surpass what has been accomplished. We really need everyone's help - especially our alumni - to talk to students about attending East Central. Our best recruiters are obviously those who came to college here," Dr. White said.

Also in the area of recruiting, Dr. White said another successful Senior Day was held March 25, as over 900 students from the five-county district participated in the day's activities.

He said students who plan to attend East Central next fall will have several opportunities to advance register for classes by attending one of four orientation sessions scheduled this summer. He said orientation sessions will be held Saturday, June 19; Wednesday, July 7; Thursday, July 22; and Saturday, August 7.

For more information about recruiting contact the Dean of Students' Office, Phone 635-2111, ext. 205.

Alumni:
Please Send Us Your News!
Send To:
Public Information Office
Box 50
East Central Community College
Decatur, Miss. 39327

Dunigan Sisters: A Family of Beauties

Probably no other family can boast of having as many pageant winners who attended East Central as the Dunigan family from Neshoba County.

Although it has been a few years since sisters Patsy (Class of 1960), Sue (Class of 1965) and Gail (Class of 1967) strolled the Decatur campus, their names are still synonymous with beauty and friendship among those who remember the Philadelphia High School graduates.

Patsy is the "dean" of the Dunigan sisters, having attended East Central from 1958-60.

Now retired, she served 24 years as a legal assistant for the law firm of Fair and Mayo in Louisville.

She is married to William Clark, regional zone manager (West Coast) for Taylor Machine Works in Louisville. They have a daughter, Lisa, who is married to Jim Nabers, a standout punter on the 1974 Warrior football team. Nabers' 84-yard punt is a record that probably will not be broken for many years to come!

Lisa holds a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree in the same field from Mississippi State University. She has continued the "Dunigan tradition" of winning pageant titles, as she is a former Miss Mississippi Farm Bureau, Miss Hospitality and Miss Winston County. She was a preliminary talent winner and top 10 finalist in the Miss Mississippi Pageant.

But back to the Dunigan sisters.

As a student at East Central from 1958-60, Patsy paved the way for her sisters to follow as she was selected Homecoming Queen and a beauty her sophomore year. She was also voted a freshman favorite and served two years as cheerleader. In addition, she played basketball, intramural sports and was involved in Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Future Business Leaders of America, and served on the WO-HE-LO staff.

Her memories of East Central are "precious and numerous."

"There are so many things I remember about college life because I truly feel that being a teenager in the 50's and early 60's was a special time, and spending two years of that time in my life at EC made it even better. The students and teachers related to each other both with respect and friendship," she said.

Patsy added, "All of the teachers have had a positive influence in my life and since I was a secretarial science major, Mr. (Wallace) Bedwell, Mr. (Charles) Pennington and the very young, very pretty Jessie Mae Everett were excellent instructors. Their reputations were so well-known that when a student graduated from East Central and applied for a job, that student was considered a top applicant."

Patsy also fondly remembers English instructor Ovid Vickers "who was always smiling and one of the most interesting classroom teachers anywhere."

She said she especially recalls one "frightening" day in Mr. Vickers' speech class:

"Never will I forget the day I 'forgot' my speech and stood before the class trying, of all things, to quote statistics about marijuana. Mr. Vickers very patiently said, 'Now Patsy, when you give a speech, always select a subject on which you have knowledge.' He then very kindly asked my to talk about how I felt as queen on Homecoming Day. Finally I was able to talk about a familiar subject and I got a B+ on my speech. I was very happy!"

Patsy also expressed a "sincere appreciation" to Lucille Wood.

"As a classroom instructor, basketball coach, tennis coach and cheerleader sponsor, no on has done more for me than Miss Lucille. When she chose me as a cheerleader I remember being so shocked. I remember walking on campus one day with my roommate, Lib Smith (now married to Supt. Richard Hill and living in Forest) and telling her I would meet her later at the dorm. Lib remarked, 'Aren't you staying for cheerleader practice?' I quickly looked at the numbers posted for those selected on the squad and then realized I had been picked. Everyone laughed, including me!"

Patsy said Coach Wood organized a women's basketball team and, with the help of the home economics department, uniforms were made for each team member. "But we didn't let that hold us back - we even won several games," she said.

Since rules were somewhat strict back then for female students, Patsy said more opportunities were available "to drive Miss Barbour and Mrs. Prince (dorm mothers) out of their minds."

Patsy said her "partners in crime" along with Lib were June Brantley (Seals) and Virginia Waggoner (Hicks) whose mischievous deeds included "throwing firecrackers out of dorm windows and putting grease on the door knobs, desks and chairs in Mrs. Prince's office!"

She said the first boycott "possibly in college history" was held one night on campus. The protest happened when everyone decided not to go to supper in the cafeteria. "The food was so bad," she laughed.

Another incident that she recalled was a morning when the Coke machine stuck and all the Cokes emptied out of the machine. She said Miss Barbour found Cokes under beds, in closets, suitcases, just everywhere!

Patsy said East Central means a lot more to her than just place "where we had a lot of fun."

"I suppose the best way I can describe the feelings I have for East Central is to relate the story my mother (Zexa Dunigan) recently told me. She said when she was a student at East Central, she really wanted to be

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The Dunigan sisters: (from left) Sue, Patsy and Gail.

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in Mrs. Nellie Cross' choir. She had been to several choir practices, but due to her not being able to pay the 50 cent dues, she did not go back. Mrs. Cross had the concern to investigate the reason Mother did not return to practice. Mrs. Cross later sent word for her to come back to rehearsals - her dues had been paid."

Patsy has remained active in her association with East Central, having served as Secretary-Treasurer of the alumni association and Winston County representative. She recently served as president of The Warrior Club and currently is Alumni Association vice president. Patsy is also involved in community activities.

She also spends a lot of time collecting antique dishes, coaching young ladies in all areas of pageant competition and judging pageants. She and her husband have traveled to British Columbia, Mexico and many western and northwestern parts of the United States. They have enjoyed snow mobiling, sight-seeing and meeting interesting people.

Sue, an elementary school teacher the past 23 years at Washington School in Greenville, is married to Skeet Sanders, vice president of Brent Marine Supply. They have two daughters, Maria, 26, who lives in Oxford and is a sales-buyer for Oxford Floral. Melanie, 24, a resident of New Orleans is a milliner for Yvonne Lafleur. Both are graduates of Mississippi State University.

She attended East Central from 1963-65.

She was selected homecoming queen and most beautiful her sophomore year, and was a homecoming maid and beauty as a freshman. She was also a cheerleader both years.

Activities in which she participated included the ECJC Players, School Spirit Committee, Sophomore Women's Council and Student National Education Association. In addition, she was a member of the WO-HE-LO staff.

Sue was Philadelphia's Miss Hospitality, Neshoba County's Forestry Queen and Farm Bureau Queen. She was selected Miss Philadelphia High School, Homecoming queen, cheerleader, favorite and beauty.

Sue also has many fond memories of the times she spent on the Decatur campus.

"My years at East Central were happy ones. The size of the college made it possible for faculty and students to know one another. EC was like an extended family."

She said East Central provided an "excellent education" with "top-notch teachers who really cared."

"I was well prepared for my junior year at Mississippi State," she recalled.

Some of the instructors who made a definite impact on her and comments about each were:

"Denver Brackeen - Everyone's friend."

"Shelby Harris - He was patient with me in math (not my subject!). He took the cheerleaders to ballgames. I remember riding in his convertible."

"L.E. Cliburn - He really cared for his students. He knew all my relatives I knew and some I didn't."

"Miss Una Harris - Well organized. She knew her subject matter. As a teacher, I respect her more now than I did as a student."

After graduating from East Central, Sue attended MSU and then Delta State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1970. She later returned to DSU and received a master's degree in the same subject in 1977.

She is involved in various community endeavors in Greenville, and is a past recipient of that city's Outstanding Jaycette Award. She is a former president and vice president of that organization. A member of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Sue has also taught Sunday school and Bible school.

She also served on the Washington School Booster Board and is past chairman of several athletic banquets.

Sue served as sponsor for Sub-Delta Cotillion Club and was chaperone for the Miss Mississippi Teen USA Pageant.

Her hobbies include "antique looking" along with refinishing antiques and collecting Choctaw Indian baskets.

Gail lives in Starkville and is employed as Equity Coordinator of the Golden Triangle Campus of East Mississippi Community College. Her duties are to recruit and assist male and female students who wish to pursue careers that have been traditionally held by members of the opposite sex. She offers workshops/seminars in Positive Self-Image, Job Search Skills, and Career Counseling.

Gail has a son, David Shayne Pace, a business information processing major at MSU. He graduated from Jackson Prep High School in Jackson where he was awarded "Most Valuable Player" on their State Championship High School soccer team. He is married to Patricia Cole of Starkville, a recent MSU graduate in communications/public relations. They have an infant daughter, Cameron Nicole, "who already has a pageant dress and will win many contests," predicted an "unbiased" grandmother!

Gail attended East Central from 1965-67.

Her campus honors include her selection as a May Court maid, freshman homecoming maid, sophomore maid of honor and beauty. While a student at East Central, Gail was a top five finalist in the Miss Dixie Bell beauty pageant held in Memphis. She was twice selected Miss Neshoba County and represented the county in the Miss Mississippi Pageant. She was also selected Philadelphia's Junior Miss and won the "Poise and Appearance" Preliminary Award in the State Junior Miss Contest. In addition, Gail won the Southeast Mississippi Livestock Show (Forest), Neshoba County Farm Bureau and Dairy Queen pageants. She was a cheerleader four years at Philadelphia High School and was voted most beautiful, a class favorite, senior class secretary, cutest girl, and Homecoming maid of honor her senior year.

In addition, Gail was a cheerleader at EC for two years, served as freshman class secretary and was a member of the School Spirit Committee and ECJC Players.

Her remembrances at East Central are of a "friendly, fun atmosphere, surrounded by courteous thoughtful and loving people - both faculty and students."

She said, "I have lived in various parts of the state because of employment opportunities and have always found someone that I knew from East Central. Usually these persons would be 'in quite high places', such as lawyers, doctors, representatives, teachers, bankers, executives, etc., and they were always the same as I remembered them at East Central - friendly, courteous, loving people that I will remember as lifelong friends."

Some of Gail's memories include remembering "Freshmen Day" and how some sophomore girls "were really after her." "I got up at 3 a.m. one day and made up my face so horribly ugly that no one could stand to look at me. When these particular sophomore girls got there...well, you should have seen their faces - very disappointed. I was uglier than they could have made me! I had a great time all day. I am just a clown anyway. My picture was taken that day and even made the yearbook," she laughed.

After graduating from East Cen-

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They were even cute as youngsters: (from left) Patsy, Sue and Gail.

Warrior Football: A 'Family Affair' For Herrington Brothers

When Max Herrington was discharged from Army duty in October, 1945, he enrolled at Newton County Agricultural High School, which back then was part of East Central Junior College. He also became a member of the Warrior football team and, after just three days of practice, he played in all but just five minutes of his first game!

Max laughed when he recalled those early days on the Decatur campus:

"It was real funny. I did not know any of the plays but to my surprise I played almost the entire game. It was not that I was that good...they did not have anyone else to send in because I was on of the first servicemen to return home."

But contrary to his opinion, Max was that good and became an All-State fullback on the 1946 squad. He was voted Best Boy Athlete the same year. His coach in 1945 was Frank Cross. Carrol Shows directed the 1946 squad which finished with a 6-3-1 record. The 1946 season also marked the first year of football "under the lights" at East Central.

Max was the first of five Herrington brothers from Louisville to play football at East Central.

Max was the first of five Herrington brothers from Louisville to play football at East Central.

J oining Max on the '46 squad was Rufus "Boots" Herrington, now deceased. They were followed by Chester (1949-50), Gerald (1955-57) and Billy (1953-53).

Max, who now resides in Birmingham, retired in 1982 after 32 years service with Southern Natural Gas Company.

Prior to enrolling at East Central, Max enlisted in the Army in February, 1943. He served in England, Ireland, France, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Luxemburg. His tour of duty also took him to Normandy as a member of the Third Army under General George S. Patton, J r. Max participated in five major battle campaigns, including the Battle of the Bulge. He was captured by the Germans but later escaped to freedom.

When Max came to East Central, he was not only an outstanding athlete he was also a popular student, having been elected a campus favorite. In addition, he was a member of The Tom Tom staff.

He graduate from East Central in 1947 and continued his athletic career at the University of Idaho, where his coach was All American Millard Dixie Howell, a teammate of Paul "Bear" Bryant at the University of Alabama. Max graduated from Idaho in 1950 and received a bachelor's degree in education and biology science.

Max is a member of various military organizations, including Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of World War II, Battle of the Bulge George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, and Arnold Society of Air Cadets. In addition, he has served as a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserves since 1950.

He is also a member of McElwain Baptist Church in Birmingham.

Max's wife, Ruby, is a mortgage banker. They have two children, Max Jr., an attorney with Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Lisa, a buyer with Parisian Stores. Both are graduates of the University of Alabama.

Max said his hobbies include fishing, hunting and all sports. He and his wife also enjoy traveling. They have visited Mexico, Europe, Canada, Hawaii and several other states.

"Boots" Herrington attended East Central during 1945-46 and also served in World War II before beginning his college education. A third class seaman/oiler, "Boots" was a member of the Merchant Marines which allowed him "to see the world," Max said. "Boots" served in the European and Pacific Operations.

Prior to his death, "Boots" was employed with the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Department in Hattiesburg.

He was a 30-degree Mason and member of the Civitan Club. He was a Baptist.

Surviving family members include his wife, Elizabeth Brown

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tral in 1967, Gail attended the University of Southern Mississippi and received a Bachelor's Degree in secondary education with emphasis in home economics. At USM, she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and was an ROTC sponsor. She later received a Master's Degree in student personnel and counseling education from MSU.

Gail has judged a variety of beauty pageants and is a Director of the Miss Hemisphere Pageant.

She attends First Baptist Church in Starkville and holds membership in the Mississippi Equity Association, Mississippi Counselors Association and Mississippi Community/Junior College Faculty Association.

Her hobbies include collecting Southwest Tribes and Choctaw Indians artwork, crafts and sewing. She also enjoys fishing, country music and dancing.

In addition, she said she is "very proud" to have the copyright on a book entitled, "MISS NESHOBA COUNTY - A TRADITION OF BEAUTY SINCE 1933." The publication is a document of events and photos of the Neshoba County Fair, the only campground fair in America and held each summer in Philadelphia. A copy is in the ECCC Library.

The Dunigan sisters have maintained their charm and good looks over the years and could easily add additional pageant titles to their long list of honors.

George W. Taylor

Freddie J. Bagley

Bagley, Taylor Receive Promotions

Thomas W. Colbert, Chairman of Farmers & Merchants Bank and Forest Bancorp has announced several staff changes, including the promotions of East Central alumni George W. Taylor, Jr. and Freddie J. Bagley.

Taylor has been named President of Forest Bancorp and Vice Chairman of Farmers & Merchants Bank. Bagley has been named President of Farmers & Merchants Bank and Vice Chairman of Forest Bancorp.

Mr. Taylor is a native a Decatur. He joined the bank in May 1975. Taylor is married to the former Jo McMullan and they have 3 children: Susan, Stephanie and Jonathan. He and his family are members of Forest Baptist Church.

Mr. Bagley is a native of Forest. He joined the bank in June 1976. Bagley is married to the former Mary Lynn Rhodes and they have 3 children: Brett, Brooke and Bethany. He and his family are members of Forest United Methodist Church.

A 'Family Affair' *Continued*

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Herrington of Hattiesburg; two sons, Rufus (Rudy) Herrington, a Baptist minister in Cato, and J ohn David Herrington, a district sales manager for EZY Time Foods in Hattiesburg.

Chester, a member of the 1949 and 1950 football squads, played fullback for Head Coach Hillary Horne and Backfield Coach J ohn Grace.

What stands out most to Chester during his athletic career was that during the 1949 season the Warriors participated in two bowl games after completing the regular season with a 6-4-1 record:

"We played South Georgia Junior College in the Georgia Bowl held in Valdosta and won by a 19-14 score. Then we played Perkinston in the Laurel Lions Bowl and lost 14-12.

"I have made a lot of friends whom I have had the opportunity to keep in touch with as I traveled in my job," Chester said.

Each player received a Buliva wrist watch which we were very proud to have!"

The 1949 Warriors were hailed as having "the greatest season in 11 years" according to campus yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo.

The season was further described as follows:

"Along with these coaches (Horne and Grace) the cleat wearers responsible for this golden season of football include 'brogue' and 'brogueless', 'hill lovers' and 'city slicers', husky he-men and fleet-feeted miniatures, but all possessed a common trait - the love of the game and the desire to bring to their school cherished victories clad in sportsmanship, clean play, and fairness, the essentials of the game which covers the skeleton of any athletic event."

Chester said he has many fond memories of East Central, including his association with former ECCC President and Mrs. Arno Vincent, and of Winston Hall where he lived both years as a student.

"I have made a lot of friends whom I have had the opportunity to keep in touch with as I traveled in my job," he said.

The Herrington Brothers

The five Herrington Warriors (there was a total of eight) from Winston County who played football at East Central included (front row, from left) Chester, Gerald and Billy and (back row, from left) Max and Rufus.

When he left East Central, Chester attended Mississippi State University but after one semester he was called into active duty by the National Guard. He served two years in the Korean Conflict.

Chester turned his military service into a professional career. Before he retired with the rank of sergeant major, Chester served 35 years as a supply technician for the Mississippi National Guard in Louisville.

He is a member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, and a charter member of the Mississippi National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Association. In addition, he is a member of First Baptist Church in Louisville.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, refinishing old furniture and sports.

Chester's wife, the former Juanita Myers, is also retired from Louisville Public Schools. She also attended East Central. Their son, Chester Jr., is Director of Consumer Communication for Entergy Corporation in Little Rock.

Chester said he and his wife enjoy traveling to Conway, Arkansas to visit their son and grandchildren, Sara, 6, and Daniel, 5.

Gerald was a member of the 1955-1956 Warrior football teams and played tackle under coaches Clayton Blount and Dudley Miller. He was also a member of the engineering club.

A retired highway patrolman with over 28 years service, Gerald lives in Meridian. He and his wife, Della, have three children and eight grandchildren.

He served four years in the Air Force and reached the rank of Airman First Class.

Gerald is a member of the Mississippi State Troopers Association and Westover Baptist Church.

He said he and his wife enjoy traveling to different states and camping about five months each year.

Billy played fullback for the 1953 team which was directed by coaches Billy Ray Lindsley and John Grace.

When he left East Central, Billy attended Mississippi State University and received a bachelor's degree in industrial management.

He lives in Gulfport and serves as an Engineering Technician (Senior Certified) with the Mississippi State Department of Transportation. He has over 25 years service in the transportation department.

In addition, he is a SP/4 with the Army Reserves.

The five Herrington brothers who attended East Central no doubt own the record for having the greatest number of siblings to participate in a single sport on the Decatur campus. Their involvement in the Warrior football program is unparalleled and an accomplishment obviously worthy of recognition.

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WITH YOU IN MIND

Establishment of Lectureship Honors Winston County Native

Dr. Glen Eaves of Clinton, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of History at Mississippi College, has been honored with the establishment of an endowed lectureship in his name.

It will be entitled the "Glen Eaves Lectureship in European and English History" and will bring a historian to Mississippi College each year for special lectures aimed at benefiting students and faculty alike. The lectureship was established by one of Eaves' former professors who has chosen to remain anonymous.

Dr. Glen Eaves

Eaves, a native of Winston County, attended East Central Community College in 1950 and 1951. He holds the bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from Mississippi State University, a master of arts degree from Peabody College, and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Alabama.

He formerly taught for 16 years at Auburn University where he also served as president of the Faculty and University Senate and chairman of the University Teaching Effectiveness Committee, the University Religious Affairs Committee, and the Faculty Welfare Committee.

Eaves also was a Danforth Associate, a member of the Honors Faculty, and a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Auburn. He was awarded Auburn University research grants for study in England, Scotland and France, and is the author of two books and over 40 articles and reviews in scholarly journals.

In addition to his current Mississippi College duties as dean and coordinator of freshman advising, Eaves has served as president of the Mississippi Council of the Colleges and Arts and Sciences and held membership on the board of Ministerial Education of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

He was recognized by the MSU history department as "Distinguished Alumnus" in 1989. He is listed in the Directory of American Scholars, Dictionary of International Biography, International Who's Who in Education, Contemporary Authors, and Who's Who in the South and Southwest. He and his wife, Ann, are active members of the First Baptist Church of Clinton.

Milling Appointed Vice-President of Company

Barry Milling (Class of 1966) has been appointed vice-president of Technical Services for American Buildings Co.

In his new position, he is responsible for sales engineering, estimating, customer service, construction services, production engineering, computer services, research and development and engineering quality control.

Milling joins American from CECO Buildings where he has spent the last 21 years of his career. He has been a designer, engineering manager, manufacturing engineer, customer service manager, director of research and development, vice-president of engineering and sales and, for the past two years he has been vice-president and general manager of the Eastern Region of CECO Buildings.

Milling is married to the former Ellen Ivy Hobbs of Rocky Mount, N.C. He has two sons, Jason and Brandon Milling, and three step-children, Michael, Angela and Lindsey Hobbs. He is the son of Irvin and Tommye Milling. His family recently moved from Rocky Mount, N.C. to Eufaula, Ala.

Muse Receives MSU Alumnus Award

Dr. Clyde Muse, President of Hinds Community College and a graduate of East Central Community College, has been honored by Mississippi State University as the Alumnus of the Year in the School of Education.

Muse, a graduate of Sebastopol High School, received his A. A. Degree from East Central and his B. S. Degree from Delta State University. He received the M.Ed. and Ph.D. Degrees in School Administration from Mississippi State University in 1958 and 1968 respectively.

In addition to teaching for several years in the Canton Public Schools, Muse served the Starkville Public School System as teacher, coach, and high school principal. From 1965 to 1969, he was Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Starkville.

He served one year as Hinds County Superintendent of Education and in 1971 became superintendent of the Meridian Public Schools. Muse has served as President of Hinds Community College since 1978.

A longtime supporter of the community college system in Mississippi, Muse is quick to credit East Central with giving him a proper foundation on which to build his post-high school education.

Dr. Clyde Muse

Proud ECCC Alumni!

It was a very rewarding 1992 football season for these two East Central alumni who guided their respective high school teams to state championship titles! In the photo at left, Philadelphia head coach Hershel Smith (1981-82) is presented the State Class 2A trophy following the Tornadoes' win over Bruce, and in the photo at right, Forest head coach Jack French (1975-76) displays the State Class 3A trophy his Bearcats received in their win over Pontotoc. (Photos courtsey The Neshoba Democrat *and* The Scott County Times.*)*

Homer Hunter: EC's Most Loyal Fan

If awards were given to athletic fans at East Central Community College, Homer Hunter would undoubtedly receive the trophy for having attended the most games.

Having grown up in Decatur, Mr. Hunter has followed East Central teams since the college was added to the old Newton County Agricultural High School in 1928. While he was a student at East Central from 1936 to 1938, he not only served as manager for the football team but for the basketball and baseball teams as well.

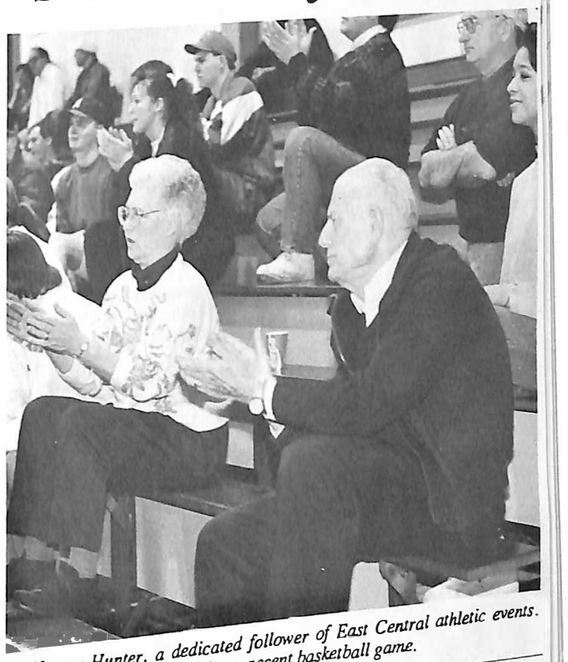
It has been years since he missed a baseball game, and he cannot remember a home basketball game being played when he did not attend.

Homer Hunter comes from a family of educators. His brother, Hansel Hunter, taught at Conehatta in Newton County. Mrs. Essie May Gresham, his sister, taught for many years in Natchez. Another brother, Frank, taught and was principal at Monticello and later served as Dean of Instruction at Copiah-Lincoln Community College. His father, Dr. B. F. Hunter, taught school in Newton County before entering Dental School.

Mr. Hunter is married to Ola Carter Hunter, a Neshoba County native, and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The Hunters have three daughters, Ann Hunter Burkes, Sue Hunter Greenfield and Jane Hunter Smith, who graduated from East Central.

Other than an 18 month period in 1939 and 1940 when he lived in Ovett, Mississippi, he has seen almost all of the East Central home football games. Even during those years when the field did not have lights and games were played in the afternoon, Mr. Hunter is certain that he missed only four or five games.

It has been years since he missed a baseball game, and he cannot remember a home basketball game being played when he did not attend. Even on those nights when he had to work for the Lions Club (he has been a member of the Lions Club for many years) in the concession stand, he would sneak out from time to time in order to catch a few minutes of the game.



Homer Hunter, a dedicated follower of East Central athletic events. Hunter is shown above during a recent basketball game.

He has also attended a great number of the games played away from the campus. As a young man, he and other young men from the Decatur area would ride the train to Laurel and then go on to Ellisville by bus to see a football game. Through the years he has continued to see as many of the away games as possible.

When his daughter, Jane, was a cheerleader, he often went to the away games and carried the cheerleaders. Ann Hunter Burkes, his daughter who is the East Central head librarian, now travels with him to many football and basketball games.

Mr. Hunter says that his most vivid memory of an East Central sports event was in 1933 when Jeff Loper was selected to the All-State basketball team for the fourth year. Loper had played for the AHS as well as for the college. Mr. Hunter also recalls the court antics of Denver Brackeen, Howard Sessums, Bill Livingood, J. P. Hurst and others during those years when East Central was a basketball power among Mississippi's Junior Colleges.

When the 1993-1994 football season begins just cast an eye toward the upper rows of the bleachers where Homer Hunter will be sitting rooting for a team that he has followed for most of his life.

Turner Receives Honor

Mrs. Diana Leatherwood Turner (Class of 1966) was recently inducted into the Oktibbeha Development Council Education Hall of Fame. The Education Hall of Fame is a project of the Education/Arts Committee, a division of the Starkville Chamber of Commerce, that seeks to honor and show appreciation to educators that have reflected favorable on the Starkville area through their distinguished educational accomplishments.

Diana Turner

Turner, a science teacher at Starkville Academy, received her associate of arts degree at East Central Community College and her bachelor of science degree from Mississippi State University. She began teaching in 1969 in the Memphis City Schools and has taught at Starkville Academy for the past nine years. She currently teaches chemistry, physics, human anatomy and physiology.

Turner has served on the teacher Certification board for the MPSEA since the fall of 1991. She was the 1992 MPSEA State Science Fair chairman and hosted the fair at Starkville Academy. Turner is a member of the National Science Teachers Association, the Mississippi Private School Education Association, has served as secretary and newsletter chairman for the Northeast Mississippi Chemistry Teachers Association, and is the treasurer of Delta Kappa Gamma.

She was named Star Teacher in 1987 and 1991 and was selected as State Outstanding Teacher in 1987 and 1991 and was selected as State Outstanding Honor Society Sponsor for two years. As the science fair coordinator, Mrs. Turner has led the students at Starkville Academy to be recognized as statewide MPSEA Outstanding School in Science Fair for the last three years.

Turner has field-tested and contributed information to a USDA publication on biotechnology, which was written by Dr. Jasper Lee at MSU. She has conducted two statewide workshops on science fair organization and laboratory techniques.

Mrs. Turner is married to Dr. Jerry D. Turner and has a tenth grade son, Lee. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nena H. Leatherwood and the late F. E. Leatherwood of Decatur.

McRaney Honored For Service To Developmental Students

When Hilda McRaney was employed by Hinds Community College in 1969 as one of two reading instructors on the Raymond Campus, she couldn't envision the department growing to include four full-time and several part-time teachers in the 1990s.

Neither did McRaney know that her years of exceptional work as a reading instructor and department chairperson would gain her national recognition through receipt of the 1992-93 "Outstanding Service to Developmental Students" Award.

Nominated by the Mississippi Association of Developmental Education (MADE), McRaney said she feels "humbled" by the honor which is bestowed annually on a single individual by the National Association of Developmental Education (NADE).

Hilda McRaney

She said, "There are so many who have done so much, but I guess I have really focused in on the students."

Today, she does admit that she believes the Hinds reading department has improved since its inception in 1951.

McRaney said, "We are now, more than ever, helping students who have been academically unprepared."

One way the program has improved over the years is through the addition of two developmental courses, REA 1103 and 1203. These classes provide special reading instruction for students deficient in basic reading skills such as vocabulary and comprehension.

Developmental instruction is available at Hinds and other community college through the "open door" policy which allows those with low ACT scores to enter college if they take classes which will help pull them up to college levels in reading, mathematics, and English.

"This is particularly good for our state," she said, "It makes academics accessible to everyone."

McRaney is quick to point out, however, that the Hinds reading program doesn't just include developmental courses.

She said, "We offer courses in such subjects as speed reading and improvement of study as well."

She also says that staff development has played a major role in the success of the Hinds reading program.

"We have been encouraged and have made special efforts to develop ourselves as instructors through professional workshops, seminars, and meetings," she explained.

Other college instructors across the state have used the Hinds reading department as a model for their own curriculums. Delta State University and Holmes Community College are two such institutions.

McRaney, a native of Philadelphia, praises the community college system in Mississippi claiming that she developed a real appreciation for these two-year institutions while a student at East Central Junior College.

A graduate of Newton County Agricultural High School and East Central, both located in Decatur, McRaney received her bachelor of science degree with high honors from the University of Southern Mississippi. She then attended the University of Mississippi where she finished her master's degree in education and her advanced master of education degree in reading.

She has done further work at UM, USM, and Florida State University.

Since 1975, McRaney has served as chairperson for both the reading and education departments.

During the 1968-69 school year, she was a reading instructor at Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia before joining the Hinds reading department.

Other employment has included positions with the University of Mississippi, the Mississippi Department of Education, East Tallahatchie and Tylertown high schools, and Covington, Union, Forrest, and Neshoba county schools.

She is currently a member of NADE, MADE, the Mississippi Reading Association, Mississippi Right to Read Committee, Mississippi Educational Television Advisory Board, and Kappa Delta Psi honorary education fraternity.

Along with her numerous committee and organization affiliations at Hinds, she is also a reviewer for Townsend Press, Houghton-Mifflin, and Canfield Press.

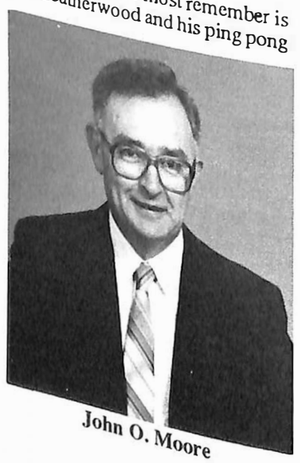
McRaney, 68, who was married to the late Robert Rex McRaney, Sr., has five children - four daughters and one son, 14 grandchildren, and one great grandson.

"All four of my daughters majored in math. They saw their mama grade too many English papers," she concluded.

Moore Makes Mark As Forestry Consultant

When John O. Moore of Waynesboro reminisces about his days spent at East Central, the first thoughts that come to mind concern the late Frank Leatherwood who taught biology:

"The teacher I most remember is Mr. Leatherwood and his ping pong game. You had to let him win if you wanted to pass his class!"



John O. Moore

Moore, brother of East Central psychology instructor Mrs. Alice Pouncey, said he also remembers East Central as a "friendly, pleasant campus," and he attributes the college for much of his success today.

A registered forester, Moore is president of Moore-Alsworth Forest Consultants, Inc. in Waynesboro. His duties include assisting clients in all their forestry needs such as cruising, marking, preparing forest management plans, making timber sales, timber and land appraisals, site preparation, planting seedlings and forestry analysis.

He holds membership in several professional organizations, including The Society of American Foresters (he is past chairman of the Mississippi chapter), the Mississippi Society of American Foresters, Mississippi State University Forestry Alumni (past chairman), Mississippi Forestry Association (was president in 1992), and the Mississippi State University Forest Resources Advisory Council (serves as chairman. He currently serves as president of the Mississippi Lumbermen's Association and is a director of FORS (Forest Resources System Institute).

He is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Mississippi Society of American Forestry. He was appointed by Governor Kirk Fordice to serve on the Task Force on Agriculture Committee.

Moore is also actively involved in community activities, as he has twice served as president of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as president-elect of the Waynesboro Rotary Club.

He is a member of First United Methodist Church of Waynesboro, where he serves as Sunday School

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Watching Schools' Bottom Lines

When Tom Burnham took the reins of Biloxi public schools in 1988, he inherited an $870,000 budget deficit.

One of the first people knocking at his door was Smith Sparks, director of the state Department of Education's Bureau of School Support.

"He came in and worked with us when we were dealing with our deficit situation and advised us," said Burnham, now state education superintendent.

Sparks "was very direct," Burnham remembered. "I don't think there is any way you can be soft in dealing with a financial deficit."

Sparks, (Class of 1956) represents the kind of "service" Burnham wants the Department of Education offer to the state's 149 school districts.

"He is very knowledgeable and very helpful," Burnham said. "When people listen to him, they are successful."

Sparks, a 19-year Department of Education veteran, says when he visits local districts to discuss financial problems he receives different receptions. He may be welcomed like disaster victims hail the American Red Cross. Wary employees sometimes eye him like he's "the law".

"I have to both monitor and assist," said Sparks, a Mississippi State University graduate who worked first as a business education teacher. "It usually makes for an interesting day."

Sparks oversees the Minimum Foundation Program, which doles out the bulk of state funds to districts. He also is responsible for seeing that all 149 districts adhere to a state accreditation standard prohibiting deficits.

"If it looks like a manageable debt, then I usually don't have to make a visit," he said. "But if it is a big one, then I try to go in and help straighten it out."

Les Daniels, superintendent of 3,500 students in McComb schools, experienced a Smith Sparks visit.

"He will tell you like it is, whether you want to hear it or not," Daniels said. "He doesn't pull any punches."

Daniels said the advice Sparks gives is often hard, but when it is followed districts can get out of debt. The McComb district erased a $1 million debt this year.

Sparks said some crises call for putting deficit-busting plans on hold. "We've had some cases where we had to bring in buckets to catch dripping water. When that happens, you have to repair roofs and postpone deficit recovery."

Sparks said the toughest situations are those where a district's superintendent and school board are at odds.

"I don't believe in hiding anything from school boards. The state law holds them accountable," he said.

To prevent districts from falling into deficit, Sparks said, he is trying to review annual financial reports a little more carefully for any red flags. That's a tough job, because he doesn't have a staff to help him.

"We have tried for three straight years to get funding for school finance officers, but because of the budget situation we have had to back off," said Judy Rhodes, assistant superintendent for administration and finance.

"It's just not possible for him to go out and help everyone, so we end up doing crisis management," Rhodes said.

Sparks has been successful in getting another preventative measure in place -- minimum standards for all new school business officers. They must have had some accounting courses or an accounting degree, depending on the position.

Carpenter Ends 'Romance' As Successful Tennis Coach

From East Central Community College to the NJCAA Men's Tennis Hall of Fame might seem like a big step, but EC alumnus Mel Carpenter made it seem easy. In 1992, Carpenter was one of the five initial inductees into the newly-formed Tennis Hall of Fame. As tennis coach at Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Florida, Carpenter compiled a lifetime record of 506 wins against only 44 losses.

Carpenter came to East Central in 1952 and during his two years on the campus he participated in four varsity sports. He played football and basketball under Coach Clayton Blount and baseball and tennis under Coach Billy Ray Lindsley.

Carpenter, in addition to contributing to the success of four sports, also met his wife, Mary Etta (Etheridge), at East Central. A native of Albemarle, N.C., he married his campus sweetheart who was from Louisville, and they now have four daughters and five grandchildren.

From East Central, Carpenter transferred to Southern Mississippi on an athletic scholarship and continued to participate in four sports, lettering in all four. He was the number one singles player for Southern Mississippi, and perhaps it was during this time that his lifelong "romance" with the game of tennis took shape.

After coaching at Gulf Coast Community College, Carpenter moved to Central Florida where he coached baseball (lifetime record of 57-12), basketball (212-80), cross country (30-6), football (7-3) and golf (52-9). With all the coaching experience, it is coaching tennis which he has enjoyed most.

Now retired, Carpenter is still active in coaching tennis in summer camps where young people are eager to learn from the Hall of Famer.

In a letter of nomination for the Hall of Fame position, Dr. Bal Moore of Jefferson State Community College in Alabama stated, "...He has done more for NJCAA tennis than anyone I know...He hosted the Men's National Championships for sixteen years and the Women's National Championships for five years."

Not only did Carpenter host the events, but his players captured several national championships and 23 of his players went on to become All Americans. He also points out that 36 of 44 losses his teams suffered were to university teams.

Mel Carpenter

According to current East Central Director of Housing Joe Clark who was a freshman at the college during Carpenter's sophomore year, "Mel was extremely competitive and was able to play with a really good group of players. We teased him about being a 'Yankee' who came down and stole one of our prettier girls.

"One indication of his competitive spirit is the fact that he played in the state tennis finals at Gulf Coast one morning, then rushed back to Jones to pitch a baseball game for East Central that same afternoon."

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teacher and is a member of the Adult Choir and District Board of Missions. He is past chairman of the Administrative Board and a past member of the Conference Board of Pension.

Moore attended East Central from 1954 to 1956 where he was a member of the Agriculture Club and Projection Club.

He later attended Mississippi State University and received a bachelor of science degree in forestry production.

He is married to Johnnie Wynne Moore, and they have three children: Karen Joyce Moore, who holds a master's degree from MSU and serves as a Special Education Academic Teacher II on the Adolescent Unit at East Mississippi State Hospital in Meridian; D. Kent Moore, who received an AA degree from East Central Community College and a BS degree in Forestry and Banking and Finance from MSU and serves as forester for Weyhaeuser in Bruce (Kent is also the father of the Moore's first grandson, Tyler Kent Moore, born December 28, 1992); and Kristy Moore Harris, who has a BS degree in Home Economics from MSU and serves as Director of the Huntington Learning Center in Jackson.

Herrington Receives Air Force Achievement Medal

Master Sgt. Larry B. Herrington (Class of 1969) son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Herrington of Little Rock, recently received the Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal accompanied by a citation from the USAF Commander of the United States Central Command Air Forces and the Secretary of the Air Force, also the Southwest Asia Service Medal for meritorious service in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

The citation states that he distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight as a C-141B Loadmaster, 183rd military Airlift Squadron, from 8 August 1990 to 7 January 1991.

During this period, Sgt. Herrington performed as a crew member on twenty-six C-141B Missions into the Saudi Arabia area of operations in direct support of coalition forces. Sgt. Herrington flew in extremely challenging conditions, including crew duty days unprecedented in length, minimum down time, and operations in an environment where there were no air traffic control or ground navigation facilities. His accomplishments far exceeded the standard normally expected of professional airmen.

The outstanding skill, judgement and leadership demonstrated by Sgt. Herrington during Operation Desert Shield resulted in timely supply and resupply of combat ready units, ultimately saving strategic equipment and many lives. The professional ability and outstanding aerial accomplishments of Sgt. Herrington reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

He is currently assigned as a C-141B Loadmaster Instructor with the Mississippi Air National Guard's 172 Airlift Group, Thompson Field, Jackson.

Herrington is a 1967 graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School in Little Rock. He then attended East Central Junior College in Decatur and has been in the Air Force and Air Guard. He is married to the former Rita M. Canniff and they have three children, Bart, Serie, and Nick.

His federal decorations and awards include the Air Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Combat Readiness Medal, the NCO Professional Military Education Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Air Force Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal. His state awards and decorations include the Mississippi War Medal, the Mississippi Emergency Service Medal and the Mississippi Service School Medal.

Area Graduate Receives Degree In Optometry

Dr. Van A. Lucas II of Newton has graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee, with a degree of doctor of optometry. He was among 93 degree candidates during SCO's 60th commencement celebration held in the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Memphis.

During the ceremonies, the degrees were conferred by SCO President Dr. William E. Cochran. Dr. Lucas was presented a doctoral hood and took the Optometric Oath, pledging his devotion as a primary care provider in the profession of optometry.

The ceremonies culminated four years of graduate studies on optometric education, preceded by at least two years of undergraduate preoptometry study for the new doctors.

American Optometric Association vice president and SCO graduate (Class of '53) Dr. Daniel Houghton Jr., delivered the commencement address. For his lifelong professional achievements, Dr. Houghton was presented the honorary degree Doctor of Ocular Science.

More than 800 family members, friends and SCO faculty and staff attended the commencement, which was followed by a reception honoring the new graduates.

An independent non-profit institution, SCO has the highest graduation rate among Tennessee's 33 independent colleges and universities.

Lucas, whose parents are Van and Kay Lucas, Newton, graduated from East Central Junior College in 1986 with an associate of arts degree and attended the University of Mississippi from 1986-1988.

He served two externships during his four years at the Southern College of Optometry: one at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and one at Clayton Eye Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He also has worked as an opthalmic technician at the Optometry Group, Memphis, where he assisted in pre-testing scheduling, dispensing, and other staff-related work.

Extracurricular activities include American Optometric Students Association, Omega Delta Optometric Fraternity, Contact Lens Society, Mississippi Club Treasurer, Sigma Nu social Fraternity and University of Mississippi Intramural Championship Softball Team.

Honors include honors graduate, Warrior Corps recruiter, class favorite, scholar athlete, economics award and American Legion Award.

Elliot Burnside Named President and CEO of Bulk Materials, Inc.

Neshoba County native Elliott Burnside (Class of 1966) has been named president and chief executive officer of Bulk Materials, Inc. based in Cleveland, Ohio.

Burnside, 45, is a veteran executive of the transportation industry, having served in management and executive positions for several truck lines.

His appointment, announced by David Gruber, BMI vice chairman, completes installation of a new permanent management team.

Bulk Materials, Inc., with $260 million in revenue last year, is the nation's largest over-the-road hauler of liquid and dry bulk commodities. BMI operates more than 100 terminals in 23 states and employs more than 3,000 persons.

Burnside assumed the top executive post at BMI after having served as president and/or chief operating officer of three trucking firms, and held senior posts with a global container shipping operator, including management of its Far East Division.

Previously, Burnside has been president and chief operating officer of Jones Truck Lines, Inc. Jones -- with operations in 23 states and $242 million in annual revenues -- is similar in size to BMI. Under his leadership, the company increased its revenues, dramatically improved on-time delivery performance, and reduced direct terminal costs.

"We have searched very carefully and very deliberately for nearly a year for the right person to permanently lead Bulk Materials. Elliott Burnside is a very strong executive of great integrity. He is extremely knowledgeable about all of the technical aspects of trucking and transportation, but, more important, he is a good marketer, a strong leader, and a compelling spokesman," Gruber said.

"There is no question he is the managerial talent we have been looking for -- the right person at the right time to consolidate our position as the national leader in bulk materials hauling. I consider ourselves very fortunate to have recruited him."

Burnside said he was attracted to BMI not only because of its size and prominence in bulk distribution, but also because of the commitment of its investors, the geographical scope and density of its network, and its ability to meet the present and future requirements of environmentally and safety-conscious shippers.

"I see opportunities for BMI to increase its value to customers, improving their profitability as we enhance our own," said Burnside. "We come to the marketplace with the advantage of an employee and independent contractor force that is second to none in this country. In turn, we owe to this workforce the loyalty and support that we have received from customers and vendors at this time. With continuing attention to equipment deployment and service, we will build a stronger carrier while repaying the loyalty and trust shown by our customers, vendors and employees. Above all, we will continuously strive to improve upon an already outstanding safety record."

BMI filed in New York on August 30 for protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code, citing the weight of more than $12 million in liabilities neither authorized by nor reported to the board of directors by the previous operating management.

In recent reports on the company's performance, Gruber has drawn attention to the fact that the company's financial position and cash flow have improved since the filing.

"The overwhelming majority of our customers and vendors have stayed with us with the result that we have experienced a positive increase in liquidity," Gruber said. "Our cash flow is positive and ahead of our

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Recent Alumni Happenings

Diana Leatherwood Turner was recently inducted into the Okatibeha Development Council Education Hall of Fame. Mrs. Turner is the daughter of the late F.E. Leatherwood who taught biology at East Central for many years. She is also the wife of Dr. Jerry Turner who practices dentistry in Starkville. Dr. Turner is also an East Central graduate.

Milton Smith recently assumed command of the USS New Orleans, an amphibious assault ship. Ceremonies were held at the Naval Station in San Diego.

The Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants annually honors one of its members for performing outstanding public service. At its 1992 convention, the Society honored Paul V. Breazeale who is a Jackson CPA.

Captain Keith Blalock has retired from the U.S. Naval Air Reserve. Captain Blalock retired with 32 years of Naval service.

Mrs. Lynn Wagner, Director of the Newton Vocational Center, has been nominated by a state committee and selected by the National Rural Education Association to be one of the representatives of Mississippi on the National Congress of Rural Educators.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hunter recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Hunter and his three daughters all attended East Central.

The Scott County Times recently ran a feature on Nancy Edwards Harrell. Nancy is a 21-year veteran of the E&R Sunflower Group. Nancy supervises business procedures for seven Sunflower Stores.

Rayburn Breazeale was recently honored for fourteen years of service to the Central Water Association in Neshoba County.

Fred Johnson has been promoted to Vice-President of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Morton. He serves as Loan Officer, CRA Officer and Security Officer of the bank.

Dr. Kenneth York is teaching a course in the Choctaw Language for Mississippi State University. Dr. York is a native Choctaw and was one of the first two native Americans to graduate from East Central. Dr. York holds the doctorate from Northwestern University.

Doyle Wolverton has a record of 461-100 in 17 seasons as girls' coach at Leake Academy. His last three teams have gone to the Academy AA Tournament.

Freddie J. Bagley has been named President of Farmers and Merchants Bank and Vice Chairman of Forest Bancorp in Forest.

Monie McKee of Ridgeland is a member of the Craftsman's Guild of Mississippi. She is a potter and creates functional stoneware. Her work also includes ceramic angels, snowmen and rabbits. Monie exhibits throughout the South, and her work is always in demand.

Lois Cooper's students in Intensive Business Training Classes at Newton County Vocational-Technical Center in Decatur scored tenth place out of 176 schools across the state who participated in the "Stock Market Game."

Sherry McDill was selected as one of the Teachers of the Year in the Pearl Public School District. Miss McDill is from Conehatta and teaches in Pearl.

Dr. Gary Gordon has resigned as Forest High School principal to return to Laurel, his wife's hometown, to take over the operation of her family's oil and gas distributorship.

Representative Dick Livingston received 65.63% of the votes in Scott County in the last election. Livingston is a long-time Scott County representative in the Mississippi Legislature.

Phil Shepard has a 107-77 record in five seasons as basketball coach of the Leake Academy Rebels. His teams have played in state tournaments for several years.

Robert Luke was honored recently

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'Romantic Beginnings' at EC Lead to Successful Career for Johnson

Someone recently suggested that East Central should compile a list of all the happy marriages which began as romances on the East Central campus. If this were done, the names of a Panama City, Florida man and a young woman from Chunky, Miss. would definitely be on the list. Coming to East Central from Panama City to play basketball in 1948, Milton Johnson met Evelyn Giles. After dropping out of school for a year, Johnson returned for the 1950-51 school year and then transferred to Livingston University in Alabama.

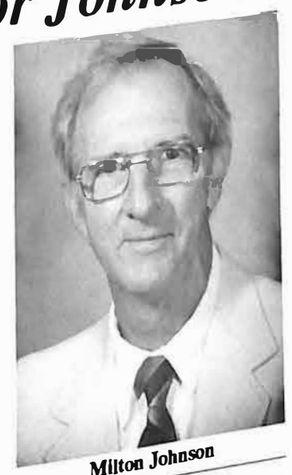
From these beginnings, Johnson has gone on to become a highly successful basketball coach at both the high school and community college level, and through it all his number one supporter has been his East Central bride, Evelyn (who, by the way, was a first cousin of Johnson's teammate and friend Herman Robinson).

At Cambellton High School in Florida, Johnson's teams compiled a record of 173 wins and 29 losses. In 1959 he was selected as Coach of the Year by the Pensacola News Journal and that same year he coached the North All-Stars, an honor given to him by the Florida High School Activities Association.

In 1963, Johnson began what might be called a "dynasty" at Chipola Junior College. Seven times between 1963 and 1988, Johnson's teams went to the National Community College Basketball Tournament, placing no lower than sixteenth in those seven tournaments. In 1974, his team was the runner-up in the national finals. At Chipola, Johnson accumulated 604 wins and 319 losses (through the 91-92 season).

Four times the EC alumnus has been selected as Florida Community College Athletic Association's Coach of the Year. In 1990 he was selected for membership in the Florida Community College Basketball Hall of Fame. In 1992 he was elected to the Livingston State University Blue Key Club and also to the Livingston State Hall of Fame.

Capping Johnson's contributions to community college basketball, he was recently selected to membership in the prestigious National Junior College Athletic Association Basketball Coaches' Hall of Fame.



Milton Johnson

When asked about memories of his years at East Central, Johnson credited Arno Vincent with not only being a good coach but "getting me interested in math." He also remembered Coach Hilary Horne who brought several Panama City students to East Central, and he remembered with fondness his roommate Dedus Brookins (also from Panama City) and good friend Virgil Aubey from Mobile.

Now in his 32nd season as head coach at Chipola, Johnson began the year with the same goal he has every year - the national title. Through it all, his wife of 42 years has supported him, a fitting tribute to a romance which began on the East Central campus.

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business plan. We have not had a single service interruption. Now that we have successfully navigated the difficult early stages of the proceeding ahead of schedule and ahead of budget, the prospects for a successful and early reorganization from Chapter 11 are excellent."

Burnside, 45, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, holds a degree in transportation from Mississippi State University. He spent more than seven years with United States Lines, Inc., a worldwide container shipping operator with revenues of $1.2 billion annually. With this firm, he served as operations manager of its European Division and as vice president of both its East Coast and Far East Divisions.

He has also held important posts with other well-known firms, including a division vice presidency with Spector Freight System, which he joined in 1970 as a trainee.

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for his association with U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia. Luke has been with the company since it opened in 1962.

Reginal Thames made and presented to the Newton County Chapter No. 1667 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees a gavel made from the wood of the Koa tree which grows in Hawaii.

Becky Farish Smith of the staff of the Winston County Journal won first place in competition held by the Boone Newspaper Group for her ad layouts in the Journal.

George Taylor, Jr. has been named President of Forest Bancorp and Vice-Chairman of Farmers and Merchants Bank in Forest.

Renae Sledge has been promoted to cashier at the Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Morton. She has been employed with the bank for five years.

Charles Hand, Newton County Superintendent of Education, acted as Master of Ceremonies and presented Rep. G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery at the open house which was held at the opening of the Newton County Vocational-Technical Education Center in Decatur.

Joel Nelson acted as chairman of the United Givers Fund campaign in Newton. The campaign raised $21,275.00.

Carolyn Boatman of Carthage, a former member of the Lady Warrior basketball team, is having an outstanding season as a member of the University of Arkansas women's basketball team. She is averaging 18.2 points per game.

Charles Boggan is the newly-elected President of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

William Yates has been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi national honorary society at the University of Mississippi.

Pat Alford has been elected to a second term as President of the Gulf Coast Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. Alford is assistant principal at William M. Colmer Junior High in Pascagoula.

Jan Risher has accepted a teaching position in the northern area of Slovakia (formerly a part of Czechoslovakia). Jan attended East Central and is the daughter of EC alumni Gary and Nelda Risher of Forest.

Tommy Smith of Morton has recently been appointed Vice-President/Manager of Sunburst Bank in Jackson.

Meridian Mayor Jimmy Kemp recently addressed two sessions of an international group meeting in the Dominican Republic. The meeting addressed ways of enhancing the quality of life throughout the Western hemisphere.

Larry Hogue of Flowood, supervisor of educational services for Mississippi Power and Light Co., was recently named chairman of the Mississippi 2000 Steering Committee by Governor Kirk Fordice. Hogue will work with a 30-member committee to help communities over the state meet national educational goals.

The FFA teams sponsored by Raymond McMillan continue to win recognition in state contests. McMillan is employed by the Newton County School System.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Willis recently spent some time in Germany, Luxemburg, and France. They were in Europe visiting their daughter, Lisa, and her husband, John Lockett.

The recipes of Dayna (Williamson) Morgan were recently printed in the "Cook of the Week" feature in the Neshoba Democrat.

Air National Guard Airman Richard K. Nance has graduated from Air Force Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Rory Trapp has joined the Credit Center in Philadelphia, MS as a member of the permanent staff.

Christina Wood was fourth runner up in the Miss University of Southern Mississippi Pageant. She was also voted Miss Congeniality and placed first in the interview.

Gaynell Burt was recently featured as "Cook-of-the-Week" in the Philadelphia Neshoba Democrat.

Maj. Gen. James H. Garner, the Adjutant General of Mississippi, announced recently the appointment of Maj. Billy Lamar Pierce of Decatur as commander of the Mississippi Army National Guard's 4th Battallion, 114th Field Artillery, headquartered at Newton.

Joe Townsend of Forest was elected president of Forest Country Club for 1993. Townsend serves as county surveyor in Scott County.

Frank Sturrup of Forest will perform hog-calling sounds in an upcoming movie starring Dolly Parton and Tom Lester. Sturrup, a 1974 ECCC graduate, is a former national and state hog-calling champion.

Mrs. Thomas Rex Phillips, Jr. (Martha Kate Land), who attended East Central from 1941 to 1943 now resides in Calhoun City, Miss. (P.O. Box 25). After East Central, she received a B.S. from MSCW (now MUW) and an M.A. from the University of Mississippi. She served as Extension Home Economist in Attala and Calhoun Counties and is now retired.

Todd Rogers (EC summer 1979 to spring 1981) now resides at 601 Pena St., Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. He and his wife, Kathy, and their three-year-old son, Adam, recently moved from Jonesboro, LA. where Todd served as minister of music and youth at the First Baptist Church. In Carrizo Springs, Todd is serving in the same capacity.

Frank O'Neil Kirby (EC 1952-54) and his wife, Patsy (Denson) now reside at Rt. 1, Box 167, Newton, MS 39345. The Kirbys have three children: John and Patrick, both of whom attended East Central and played football, and Jennifer. The Kirbys have four grandchildren. Mrs. Kirby, who also attended East Central in the early 1950s, is now Director of Instruction/Federal Programs for the Newton Municipal School District.

John N. Kirby (EC 1972-74) transferred to Millsaps College after attending East Central and received his B.S. Degree there. John is now mar-

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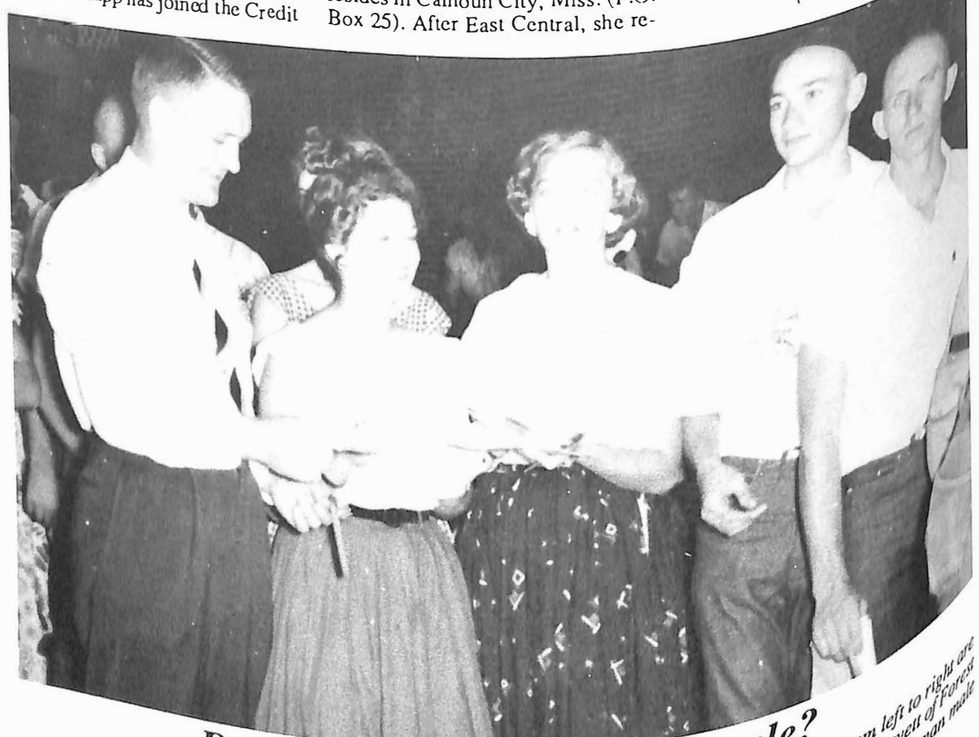

Do You Recognize These People?

The year was 1955, and the scene was registration activities on the East Central campus. From left to right are W.A. Vincent, president; and students Polly Wade of Philadelphia, Shirley Williams of Hickory, Bill Lovett of Forest and Joe Johns of Louisville. Notice the shaved heads and beanies, a "requirement" back then of freshman male students.

1992 Homecoming Activities

Class of 1942

Attending their golden anniversary celebration were (first row, from left) Kenneth Barnett, Rock Hill, Missouri; Margaret Beery Brasher, Jackson; Juanita Bryant Dickey, Houston, Texas; Eugene Culpepper, Laurel; O.W. Davies, Carthage; Doris Glaze Carpenter, Sun City, Florida; James Greener, Forest; Evelyn Harris Stafford, Arlington, Tennessee; (second row, from left) McClain Hatch, Forest; Melvin Matthews, Hillsboro; H. G. McGaugh, San Antonio, Texas; Willie Marvis McGraw McCool, Clinton; Joyce Michael Smith, Booneville; Virginia Michael Cox, Rienzi; Gladys Nelson Walker, Meridian; Maxine Nelson Bond, Union; (third row, from left) Jarie Rhodes Bassett, Newton; Frances Richie Harpole, Columbus; John O. Risher and Christine Scott Jarrell, both of Philadelphia; Gerald Smith, Decatur; Lyle Tate, Forest; George Thornton, Grenada; Leo Tomlin, Union; and (fourth row, from left) Virginia Townsend Messer, Jackson; Sue Walton Hatch, Forest; Margie Willis Horvath, Union; and J.C. Williamson, Philadelphia.

Award Recipient

Outstanding Academic Instructor Ron Davis (left) and awards presenter Dr. Phil Sutphin.

Award Recipient

Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Joe Clark of Decatur and awards presentor Mrs. Lois Cooper

Award Recipient

Alumnus of the Year Earl Marshall of Clinton (left) and awards presenter Dr. Eddie Smith.

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Alumni Happenings *Continued*

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ried, and he and his wife, Suzanne, and their two children, Colin and Claire, reside at 72 Griffith Red., Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Kirby works for Mississippi Diversified Services and travels throughout the southern half of the state.

David E. McKeehan, Sr. (EC 1957 and 1958), remembers his years at East Central as being full of football, choir and BSU activities. McKeehan is owner of Service Motors, Inc., an auto dealership in Athens, Tennessee. His address is P.O. Box 296, Athens, TN 37303-0296. McKeehan is the father of one daughter and two sons and a two-year-old granddaughter.

Dr. Sandy Weeks (Rivers) (EC 1962-64) now resides at Rt. 2, Box 475, Commerce, TX 75428. She is Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education and Assistant to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs at East Texas State University in Commerce. Sandy completed the Ph.D. degree in Dance and Related Arts from Texas Women's University in 1980. She also holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Mississippi. Sandy has been teaching since 1966.

Stan D. Davis, who resides at 100 Ward St., Louisville, MS 39339, is currently serving as Director of Youth Activities for South Louisville Baptist Church. He also serves as Loan Officer of Sunburst Bank in Louisville. Davis graduated from East Central in May, 1986.

Malcolm McCagle Spence, Sr. (EC 1947, 1948) vividly remembers the year he played baseball at East Central. "The coach in the first game wanted a pinch hitter. The ones he asked said they would try. When he got to me, I said 'yes,' and I got a single. The next game I did the same thing, but hit a homerun. So I played on the team the rest of the year." Spence's father attended Newton Co. Agricultural High School in 1918 before the college was opened, and his son Malcolm Spence, Jr. also graduated from East Central. Spence, Sr., was a long-time rural mail carrier in Leake County.

East Central faculty member Lucille Wood has been re-elected to a fourth two-year term as Region 23 Director for the National Junior College Athletic Association. She plans to attend the organization's national meeting scheduled this spring in Buffalo, New York.

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Award Recipient

Mrs. Bert Thompson of Clinton (left) whose late husband was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, and awards presenter Mrs. Lois Cooper.

Award Recipient

Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Evelyn Bender of Lawrence (left) and awards presenter Lucille Wood.

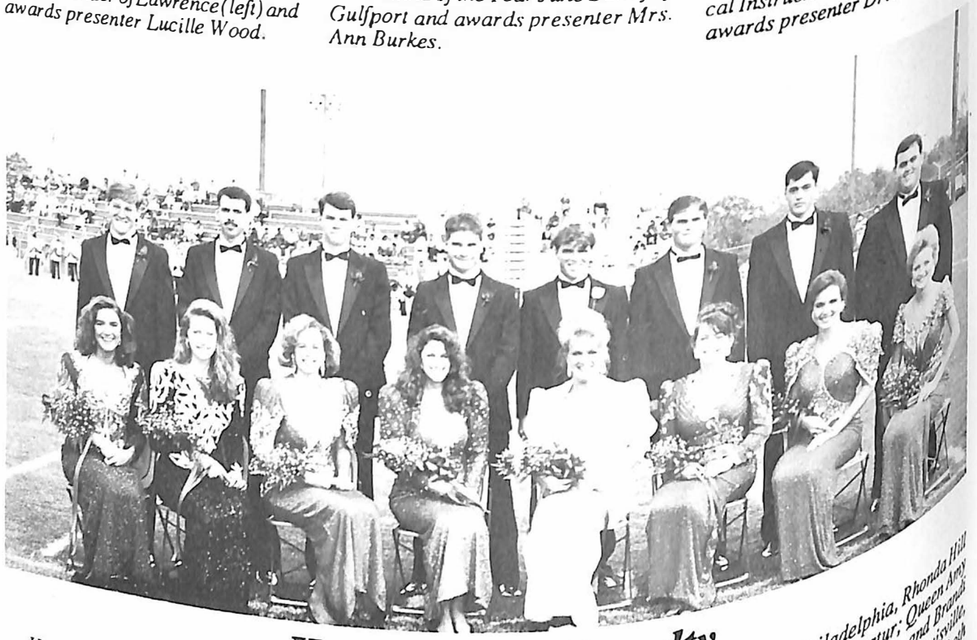
Award Recipient

Alumna of the Year June Bailey of Gulfport and awards presenter Mrs. Ann Burkes.

Award Recipient

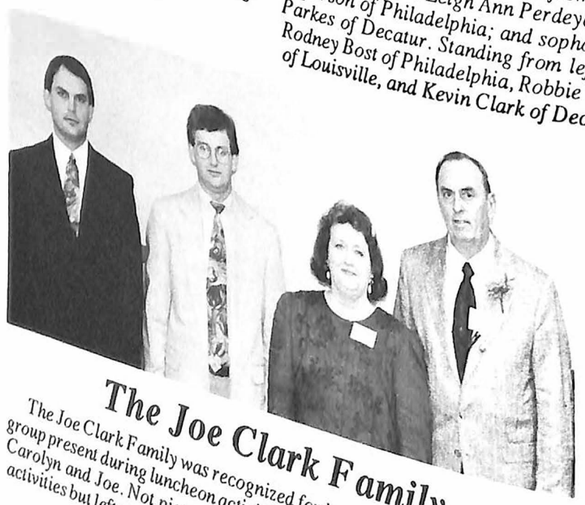
Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor Lester Miles (left) and awards presenter Dr. Phil Sulphin.

Recognized as traveling the farthest distance to attend the annual Homecoming celebration was Mrs. Corrine Cross McJilton of Huntington Beach, California.



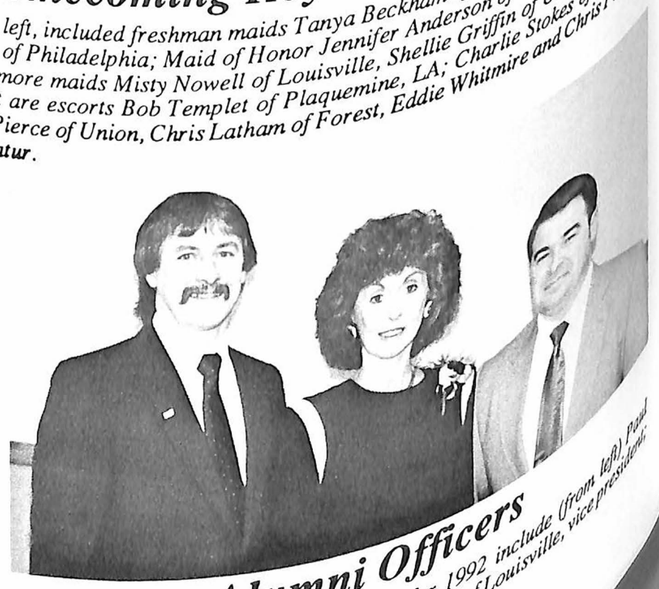
Homecoming Royalty

Homecoming Royalty, seated from left, included freshman maids Tanya Beckham of Philadelphia, Rhonda Hill of West Point and Leigh Ann Perdeye of Philadelphia; Maid of Honor Jennifer Anderson of Decatur; Queen Amy Apperson of Philadelphia; and sophomore maids Misty Nowell of Louisville, Shellie Griffin of Union and Brandi Parkes of Decatur. Standing from left are escorts Bob Templet of Plaquemine, LA; Charlie Stokes of Louisville, Rodney Bost of Philadelphia, Robbie Pierce of Union, Chris Latham of Forest, Eddie Whitmire and Chris Pitt, both of Louisville, and Kevin Clark of Decatur.



The Joe Clark Family

The Joe Clark Family was recognized for have the largest alumni family group present during luncheon activities. Pictured are, from left, Chris, Stan, Carolyn and Joe. Not pictured is Kevin Clark who also attended luncheon activities but left early to serve as escort for sophomore maid Brandi Parkes.



Alumni Officers

Alumni Association Officers chosen for 1992 include (from left) Paul Chamblee of Carthage, president; Patsy Clark of Louisville, vice president; and David Howell of Carthage, secretary-treasurer.

5K Walk/Run Division Winners

Female and male division winners in the college's first annual 5K Walk/Run and their finishing times were (first row, from left) Rochelle Sessums of Morton (under 20 age group), 37:44; Emmy Brantley of Philadelphia (20-29), 20:41; Cheri Hall of Meridian (30-39), 19:31; Judy Crowson of Meridian (40-49), 24:42; Carol Vickers of Decatur (50-59), 38:21; and (standing from left) Stacy Boatner of Carthage (under 20), 15:33; overall winner Mike Trailkill, 28 of Meridian (20-29), 14:36; John Massey of Meridian (30-39), 19:36; Joe Hensley of Pachuta (40-49), 20:23; and Bob Glenn of Meridian (50-59), 19:01.

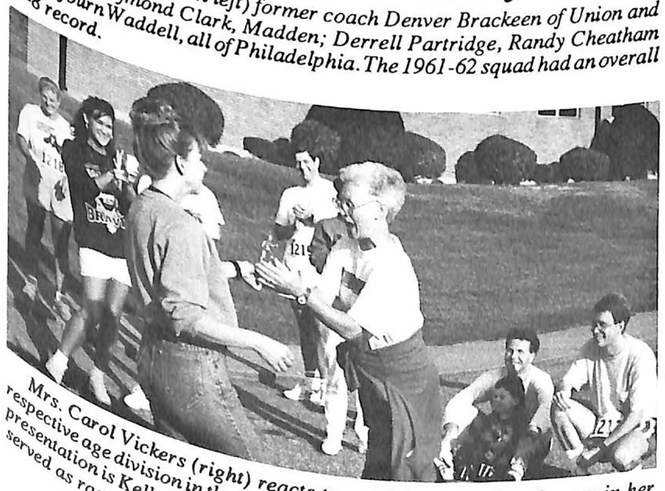
Class of 1932

Pitt Dearing of Newton represented his former classmates on their diamond anniversary and was recognized for being the oldest alumnus in attendance. Dearing, 84, is a retired farmer. At right is his wife, Sara.

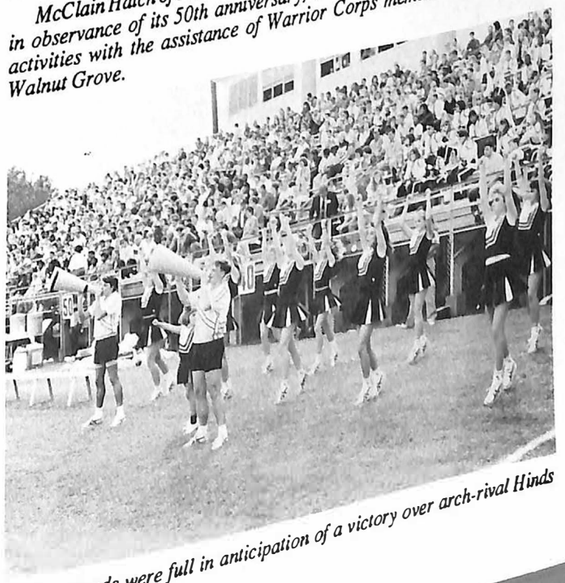
1961-62 Basketball Players

Attending were (from left) former coach Denver Brackeen of Union and teammates Raymond Clark, Madden; Derrell Partridge, Randy Cheatham and Rayburn Waddell, all of Philadelphia. The 1961-62 squad had an overall 15-8 record.

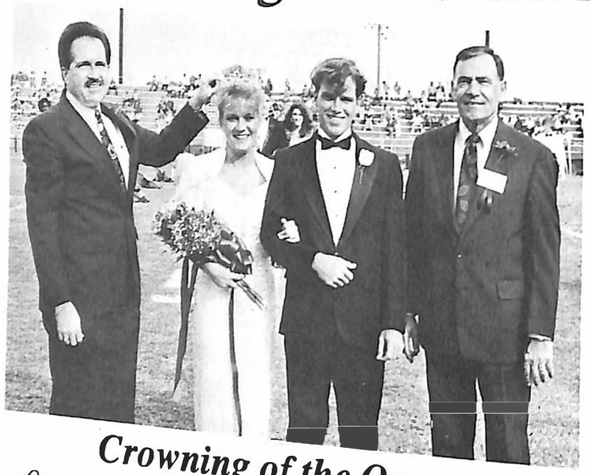
McClain Hatch of Forest, whose 1942 class received special recognition in observance of its 50th anniversary, is shown registering for the day's activities with the assistance of Warrior Corps member Angie Bryan of Walnut Grove.



Mrs. Carol Vickers (right) reacts to receiving first place honors in her respective age division in the first annual 5-K Warrior Run/Walk. Making the presentation is Kelly Bridgman, wife of football coach Reese Bridgman, who served as race organizer.



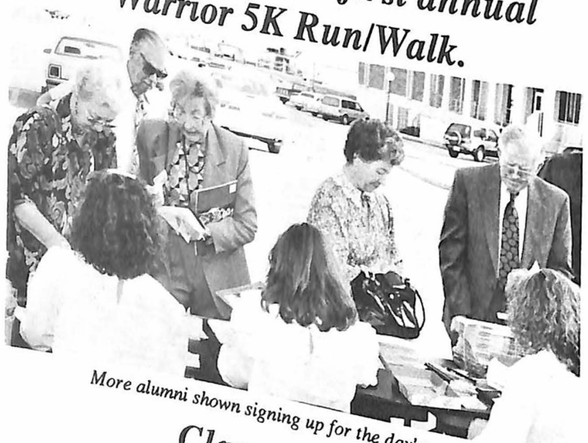
The stands were full in anticipation of a victory over arch-rival Hinds Community College.



Crowning of the Queen

Queen Amy Jo Apperson of Philadelphia as she was crowned by Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Serving as the queen's escort was Chris Latham of Forest. At right is Board of Trustees Chairman Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville.

Participants in the first annual Warrior 5K Run/Walk.



More alumni shown signing up for the day's activities.

Class of 1962

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Attending were Mickey Hawkins of Brandon, Roger C. Burkes of Decatur, Charlotte Duncan Gray and Wayne Gray, both of Pearl; Jean Agnew McKay of Pelahatchie, Brenda Waggoner Whatley of Forest, Riley E. Burton, Jr., of Gautier, Fred Kirkland and Tommie Lynn Richardson Kirkland, both of Philadelphia and Travis Fulton of Monticello.

Former ECCC Players

(PHOTO NOT AVAILABLE)

Representing the 1982 musical cast of "Carousel" was Terri Donald of Philadelphia. Susan Taylor of Summit attended on behalf of the 1972 musical cast of "Oklahoma."

Class of 1972

Attending were (seated from left) Martha Pace Scarborough, Clinton; Cheryl Hatch Parkes, Union; Judy Clark Mason, Philadelphia; and (standing from left) Charles Scarborough, Clinton; Mike Anderson, Decatur; Bruce Taylor, Summit; and Freddie Bagley and Jimmy May, both of Forest.

Class of 1952

Attending were (front row, from left) Edwina Breazeale Kish, Philadelphia; Faye Newsom Culpepper, Carthage; Gwendoline Pilgrim Spivey, Birmingham, Alabama; Sara Craft Griffin, Decatur; and (back row, from left) Billy Tidwell, Lilburn, Georgia and Sonny Latham, Forkville.

Golf Tournament Participants

Area linksters who competed in the annual alumni/student golf tournament held at Decatur Country Club were (kneeling from left) Robbie Pearson, Union; Scott May, Forest; Nick Pouncey, Decatur; Patrick Ervin, Sebastopol, Scottie Russell, Decatur; and (standing from left) Louis and Margie Hovarth, Union; Carl Hollingsworth, Rickey Vaughn, Larry Blackburn, and Chris Clark, all of Decatur; Joel Nelson and Robert Munn, both of Newton; and James McNair, Union. Nelson won the nine-hole event by carding a one-under par 34. Chris Clark finished second with a 36.

1st Place

First place honors in the campus sign contest went to the Student Body Association, whose entry is shown here.

Tennis Winner

Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research, won the tennis singles championship and teamed with Scott Russell of Decatur to capture the doubles title.

1982 Fall Band Members

Attending were (seated from left) Terri Brooks Sloan, Bay Springs; Sheila Gardner Coan, Columbus; Jean Barfield Jones and Vicki Haralson, both of Forest; and (standing from left) Bob Ivy, Starkville; Thomas W. Carson, ECCC band director; and Robin Gray, Forest. The group represented the first East Central band under Carson's direction.

1971-72 Football Players

Team members attending were (from left) Freddie Bagley and Jimmy May, both of Forest; Guy Nowell, Philadelphia; and Pete Lucovich, Carthage. During the 1971 campaign, the Warriors posted a 7-3 record under head coach Ken Pouncey.

Obituaries

BILLY F. STOKES

Services for Billy F. Stokes, 48, a Methodist minister, were held November 3, 1992, at Port Gibson United Methodist Church with graveside services at Homewood Cemetery in Homewood. Glenwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Stokes, a Homewood native, died of cancer November 1 at Park View Regional Medical Center in Vicksburg.

He served as pastor of Port Gibson United Methodist Church.

Stokes was a graduate of East Central Community College (Class of 1953) and Mississippi College. He received a master's degree in religion from Asberry Theological Seminary in Kentucky and a doctorate in religion at Claremont College in California.

Survivors include: son, Michael Stokes of Laurel; daughter, Sara Stokes of Laurel; brothers, William C. Stokes of Brookhaven, Jimmy Stokes of Petal and Luther Stokes of Crawfordville, Florida; and sisters, Mary Watkins of Louisville and Irene Bradford and Hazel Wolf, both of Forest.

WILLIAM EARL TABOR

Services for William Earl Tabor, Jr. of Louisville were held February 7, 1993, at First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery with Nowell Funeral Services in charge of arrangements.

Tabor, 70, died of cancer February 5, 1993, at his home in Louisville.

A Winston County native, Tabor was an Army veteran having served during World War II. He fought in the Philippines, was captured by the Japanese, survived the Bataan Death March, and was held as a Prisoner of War in Japan for over three years. He earned the Bronze Star Medal for heroism.

He was a graduate of Lobutcha High School and attended East Central Junior College from 1946-1948 before transferring to the University of Mississippi. At Ole Miss, he received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1951.

Since 1954, Tabor had operated Tabor Drugs in Louisville.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include; wife, Frances; son, William E. Tabor, III of Louisville; daughters, Brenda Hunt and Mary Tabor, both of Louisville, and Charlotte Knight of Jackson; sisters, Doris Stead of Indianola, Mary Ann Sessions of Long Beach, Betty Lou Morris of Richland, Becky Dorrah of Memphis and Ruth Kitchens of Tupelo; brother, Larry Tabor of Starkville; uncle, Harry Tabor of McCool; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Louisville Chapter of the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

BOB ELLIS

Services for Robert W. "Bob" Ellis, 77, of Jackson were held February 19, 1993, at Ott and Lee Funeral Home in Forest. Burial was in Eastern Cemetery in Forest.

Ellis, a retired civil service employee, died of a stroke February 17, 1993, at St. Dominic/Jackson Memorial Hospital.

A Leake County native, Ellis was a longtime Jackson resident.

He attended Leake County Agricultural High School and was a graduate of Walnut Grove High School.

Ellis continued his education at East Central Junior College and later graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He taught at Ellis Consolidated Schools.

He was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, where he served on the administrative board and council on ministries. He also coordinated the St. Luke's homebound ministries, directed tours for "Wednesday For Adults" and was a member of the Newell Bruner Class.

A World War II Army veteran, he served in Trinidad, West Indies.

Ellis had worked for the Veterans Administration in Jackson, Shreveport, LA; and St. Louis; for the Holiday Inn Medical Center, and as director for Jackson Tour and Travel.

Survivors include: wife, Edra; sons, Paul Hunt of Missouri, Leath Hunt of Miami and Drew Hunt of Laurel; brother, Thomas L. Ellis of Jackson; and four grandchildren.

DELANE LUKE

East Central alumnus and longtime educator Delane Luke passed away recently. Luke, who was 55, attended East Central in the mid-fifties and is remembered by many faculty members and fellow students who knew him.

Luke was a native of Neshoba County and taught school in Neshoba County for several years. He had lived in the past few years in Atmore, Alabama. He was a member of Beacon Street Baptist Church in Philadelphia and the Coffadeliah Masonic Lodge. Burial services were held in Philadelphia at Beacon Street Baptist Church with internment in Eastlawn Cemetery.

Luke is survived by his wife Sue; sons, Jimmy Luke of Memphis, and Danny Luke of Philadelphia; brothers, James Luke of Philadelphia and Royce Luke of Gautier; sisters, Willie J. Gray of Philadelphia and Nellie McKay of Atmore, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

BERNICE DAY TODD

Bernice Day Todd, widow of former East Central president L.O. Todd, was laid to rest on February 6, 1993, in Decatur Cemetery with Stephens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Todd, 89, died February 2, 1993, at Woodside Nursing Home in Cincinnati. A native of Conehatta, she as active in church work in Meridian and Decatur. She was also a retired school teacher.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Joseph Chapman Todd of Cincinnati; a daughter, the Reverend Jane Gurry of Raleigh, North Carolina; and a sister, Lurlina Weir of Poplarville; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth Gurry Moss, Sara Gurry Piquette, Helen Gurry, Rebecca Todd, Chapman Todd, Melissa Todd and Lindsey Todd; and three great-grandchildren, Todd Moss, Kelly Moss and Kathryn Piquette.

The family has requested memorials be made to the L. O. Todd Scholarship Fund at Meridian Community College.

MASTON McMULLAN

Services for W. M. "Maston" McMullan, retired superintendent of Decatur High School, were held January 4, 1993, at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. Interment was in Decatur cemetery.

McMullan, 82, a Newton County native, was a graduate of Newton County Agricultural High School, West Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He received a master's of art degree from USM and also attended the University of Alabama.

He served 31 years in public school administration, retiring in 1965. In addition to Decatur schools, he was superintendent of schools in Waynesboro, Porterville and Magee. He also served as a board member of the Mississippi Retired Teachers Association, was president of the Mississippi Pork Producers Association, and was selected as the Southeast's Outstanding Industrial Volunteer in 1984. Candidates for this award were nominated from a 17-state district.

McMullan served as a deacon in the Baptist Church and was a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Hill McMullan, Decatur; a son, Dan McMullan, Houston, TX; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. James Matthews, Memphis, Tennessee, and Mrs. Imogene Dew, Jackson.

McMullan served for 13 years as the executive vice-president of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce, a volunteer position. During his tenure in the Chamber, he was credited with being largely responsible for bringing the Peavey plant to Decatur.

"He was responsible for a lot of good things that happened in and around Decatur," said W. H. Johnson, former county attorney and a member of the Chamber of Commerce board for nearly a decade. "He worked night and day until Decatur finally landed the Peavey plant."

Besides being a tireless worker, Johnson said McMullan "gave 100 percent to everything he did, and he had enthusiasm, initiative and knowhow."

McMullan also worked as an election commissioner for many years. "He was fully devoted to public service, and gave freely of his talents to make Decatur a better place to live," said Johnson. "I think he is one of the most outstanding citizens we've ever had in Decatur and the state. Decatur will miss him."

Record of Alumni Awards

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

1964 - B. O. Smith, Louisville
1965 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1966 - Henry D. Horton, Louisville
1967 - Crowley Alford, Carthage
1968 - W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
1969 - Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
1970 - Leon Sims, Philadelphia
1971 - Charles Carter, Jackson
1972 - William L. Weems, Jackson
1973 - Arno Vincent, Meridian
1974 - Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
1975 - W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove
1976 - John Risher, Philadelphia
1977 - Jessie Everett, Decatur
1978 - Class of 1928, (First Class)
1979 - Glenn D. Walker, Union
1980 - Russell Walton, (Deceased)
1981 - Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
1982 - Denver Brackeen, Jackson
1983 - Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
1984 - Herman Alford, (Deceased)
1985 - Carl B. Cooper, (Deceased); Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.
1986 - Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia; Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
1987 - Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur; Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, Alabama
1988 - Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville; Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixson, Tennessee
1989 - Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur; Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell, Jackson
1990 - Larry Hogue, Flowood; Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
1991 - Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond; Lois Cooper, Decatur
1992 - Earl Marshall, Clinton; June Bailey, Gulfport

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

1985 - Denver Brackeen, Union
1986 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1987 - Billy Wayne Baucum, (Deceased)
1988 - Howard Jean Sessums, (Deceased)
1989 - Lamar Blount, Decatur; Arno Vincent, Meridian; Earl Marshall, Clinton
1990 - Jeff Loper, Decatur; Richard Harris, Hickory; Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson
1991 - Larry Henderson, Mobile; Diana Lyons Jones, Hattiesburg; Wayne Tullos, Bell Glade, FL
1992 - Evelyn Bender, Lawrence; Joe Clark, Decatur; Dr. Bert Thompson, (Deceased)

INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR

1982 - Ovid Vickers
1983 - Dr. Shelby Harris
1984 - Jessie M. Everett
1985 - Bruce Guraedy; Al Bailey
1986 - Ann Burkes; O. L. Newell
1987 - Tommy Thrash; Chester Clark
1988 - Dr. Richard Ethridge; John Adcock
1989 - Joe Clark; Larry Blackburn
1990 - Lois McMullan; Wallace Keen
1991 - Tom Carson; Ricky Harrison
1992 - Ron Davis; Lester Mills

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Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Super Braves

S.R. Marshall
Truman Manning
Earl Marshall
Jim Nabers
Larry Payne
John Rushing, Jr.

Braves

Billy S. Barnes
Tom Burt
Patsy D. Clark
James L. Crosby
Wyatt J. Davis
Ide Dickens
T.H. Etheridge
Max G. Herrington
Jeff Loper
Ted Marshall
Gaines Massey
Dr. Clyde Muse
Jimmy Rea
Gary L. Risher
Dr. Leo Russell
W.E. Tabor
Charles O. Walter
Billy Joe Watkins
Jim Wood
Daniel E. Yarbrough

Young Braves

John Blackstone
Mr. & Mrs. Denver Brackeen
James F. Hancock
Larry Hogue
Mars, Mars, and Mars
Mr. & Mrs. Wendell L. Marshall
Sam Nowell
Billy Ray Smith
Robert Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Vowell, Todd & Natalie
Edward Williamson

Papoose

Steve Anderson
Richard P. Ballard
Steve Breland
Benny Cherry
Mrs. W.M. Commander - (In memory of Dr. Willard M. Commander, Class of '36)
Tom Crosswell
Eugene Earp
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Mrs. Lena Sadauskas
Paul Simmons
Malcolm M. Spence, Sr.
Marty Stamper
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Lavon Moore
Lucille Wood

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Two separate scholarships named in honor of a former president at East Central Community College and his wife have been established by the children of another former East Central president and will be presented during Awards Day activities held each year on the Decatur campus.

The Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence will be presented to the East Central athlete who has achieved the highest grade point average during the school year. Vincent was East Central's third president and served from 1953-62. He also served as men's basketball coach and led the Warriors to the 1953 state title.

The Ruth Carr Vincent Awardfor Academic Excellence will be presented to the nontraditional student at East Central who achieves the highest grade point average during the school year.

Both scholarships were established by the Reverend Jane Todd Gurry of Raleigh, North Carolina and Dr. Joe Todd of Cincinnati, Ohio, children of the late Dr. Lindsey O. Todd who was East Central's second president, serving from 1934-53. The Reverend Gurry said she and her brother wanted to honor the Vincents, who reside in Meridian, because "Ruth and Arno have been part of our larger family since my brother and I were children on the East Central campus and Ruth and Arno were students. The story of their service to East Central and to Mississippi education is well known."

The criteria for receiving the Walter Arno Vincent Award are:

(1) The recipient must have participated at East Central in a Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College sanctioned sport.

(2) The recipient's name must appear on East Central's certification list as a certified athlete in that sport for the given year.

(3) The recipient must be in line for graduation from East Central Community College.

(4) The recipient must have the highest grade point average among athletes in all sanctioned sports at East Central Community College for the given year.

(5) The recipient cannot have been involved in any activity which would bring discredit to the college.

The criteria for receiving the Ruth Carr Vincent Award for Academic Excellence are:

(1) The recipient must be a student during the semester in which the award is presented.

(2) The recipient must be in line for graduation from East Central at the end of the semester in which the award is given.

(3) The recipient must be over the age of 25.

(4) The recipient must have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

(5) The recipient must be a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

(6) The recipient cannot have been involved in any activity which would bring discredit to the college.

Both awards will be in the form of a certificate presented to the recipient during Awards Day, and the recipients' names will be engraved on a permanent commemorative trophy or plaque to be kept in the college trophy case in the Student Service Building.

For additional information contact the Dean of Students' Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111, ext. 205.

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(Tentative)

OPPONENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
East Mississippi	September 2	6:30 p.m.	Home
Gulf Coast	September 9	7:00 p.m.	Away
Itawamba	September 16	7:00 p.m.	Away
Co-Lin	September 23	6:30 p.m.	Home
Coahoma	September 30	7:00 p.m.	Away
Hinds	October 9	2:30 p.m.	Away
Pearl River *	October 16	2:30 p.m.	Away
Southwest	October 21	6:30 p.m.	Home
Northwest	October 28	6:30 p.m.	Home
Jones	November 4	7:00 p.m.	Home
*Homecoming			Away

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East Central Community College is among beneficiaries from the estate of alumna Lois Green Cepanich of Oakland, California, who died in 1991.

The college received a check in the amount of $7,666.82 in December, 1992, from the executor of Mrs. Cepanich's estate.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith said East Central is most appreciative of Mrs. Cepanich's gift, which has been deposited in a special college account.

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An exuberant group of East Central players and supporters gathered near mid-court after the Warriors were presented the tate Championship trophy following their 87-85 overtime win against Gulf Coast February 25, 1993, in the Perkinston gym. East entral rallied from an early 18-2 deficit to claim its first state title in 40 years. The Warriors, led by second year head coach Marty ooper, completed the 1992-93 campaign by compiling a 24-8 overall record.

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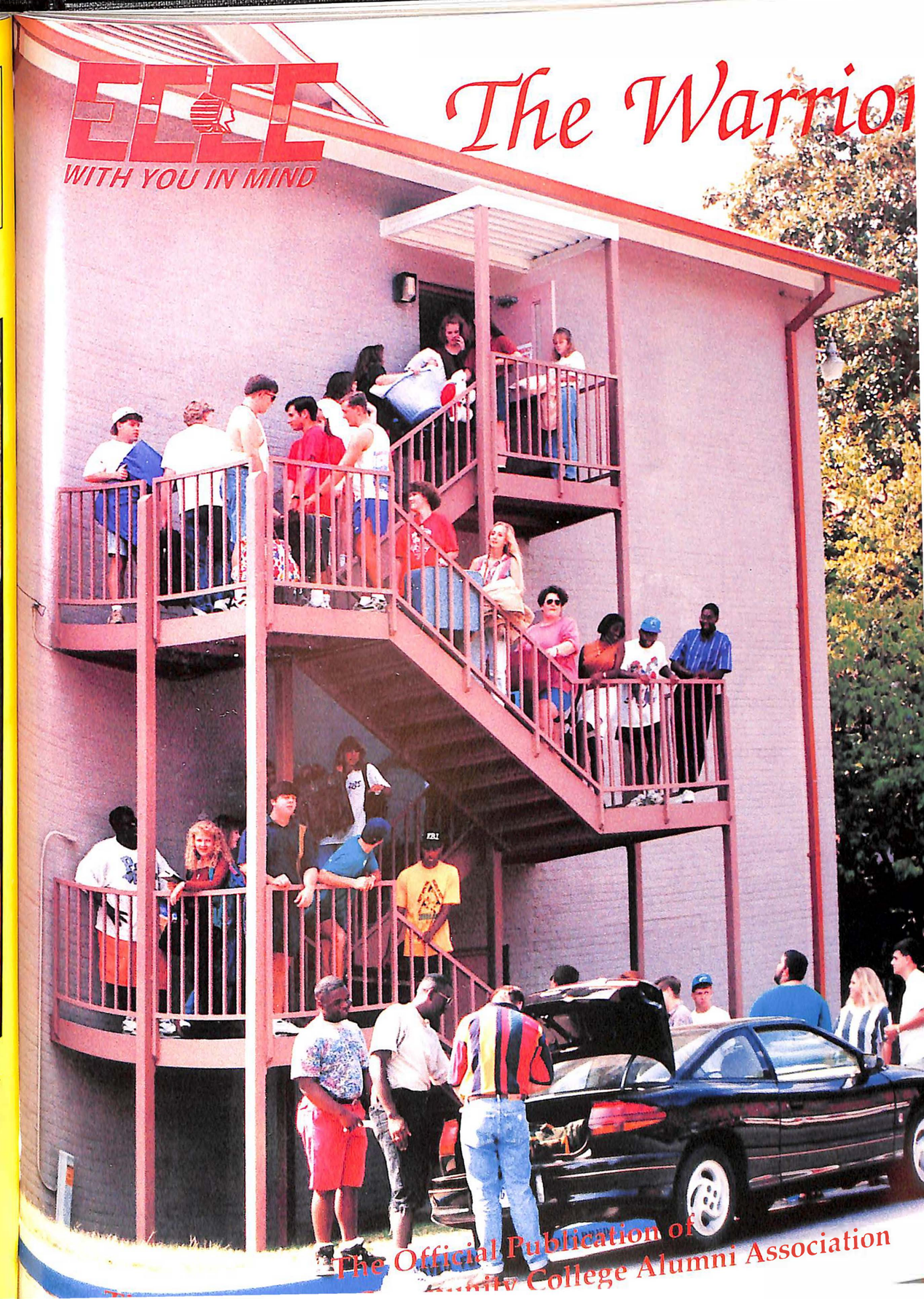

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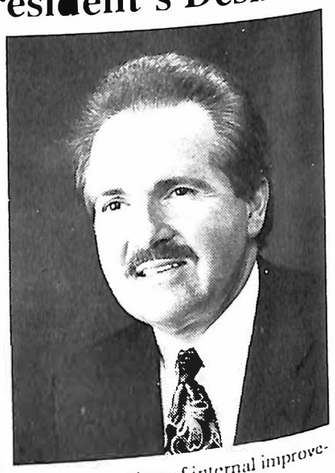
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On The Cover: Another record enrollment has been reported at East Central, with an increasing number of students also living on campus. Shown on a side stairway of Jackson Hall are female students moving into the dorm assisted by several male friends. An added feature for dorm students this year is the availability of private telephone and cable television for those who want to purchase the new services.

From The President's Desk



On behalf of the board of trustees, administration, faculty, staff and student body, I want to extend a very cordial invitation to each of you to attend homecoming on Saturday, October 16. Homecoming at East Central is always a special occasion and we are delighted to have our alumni, guests and other visitors on the campus for this year's celebration.

We appreciate the many ways that you as alumni continue to support East Central through your visits, your gifts, your recruitment of students and your presence at special events on the campus.

If you have not visited the campus recently, you will notice several visible changes, and I would also like to take this opportunity to report on a number of internal improvements that have taken place at East Central.

A new baseball/visiting team dressing room has been added to the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. The Gold Room in Mabry Cafeteria has undergone a complete renovation, and a new mini-van has been purchased to improve transportation availability. A new air conditioning system has been installed in Jackson Hall which replaces the original system.

Recent internal improvements and accomplishments at the college would include: The college now has the largest enrollment (1446 students) in its history and the marching band has more members (98) than any previous band. The first class of Licensed Practical Nurses recently graduated, a Surgical Technology Program has been implemented, and an Allied Health Program has also been added to the curriculum. The college is now serving the largest number of off campus and evening class students to be enrolled since these programs were begun.

Improvements in the college's athletic programs would include new football uniforms, softball scholarships for women, and refurbishing of the football bleachers.

Twenty-four hour security is now being provided for East Central by a contracted firm, and to the delight of students a Pizza Hut has been installed in the student center.

Some major projected projects for the college would include the construction of a 1.4 million dollar Allied Health Building. When funds are approved a new Student Union will be built at a more central campus location. The Huff Auditorium renovations project is nearing completion and cable television and telephone service will soon be available in all dorm rooms if requested. Handicap services accommodations will also be provided to aid student access to Huff Auditorium. The construction of a softball field for women is also planned for the future. Bids have also been received for the renovation of Leake Hall.

Again, thank you for supporting East Central and the many people who comprise our student body. Homecoming promises to be an enjoyable event and we hope to see you on campus on October 16.

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Mr. Mike Dearing ..... Director of the Physical Plant

Alumni Honored

East Central Names Honorees for 1993

Outstanding East Central instructors, alumni and inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame have been chosen for 1993 and will receive special recognition during Homecoming activities scheduled for Saturday, October 16.

Honorees include Lucille Wood, Outstanding Academic Instructor; Sara Griffin, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor; Patsy Dunigan Clark of Louisville, Alumna of the Year; Melvin Tingle of Decatur, Alumnus of the Year; and Athletic Hall of Fame selections Esther Thomas Coleman of Louisville, Barbara Jo Davidson Russell of Decatur, and Col. Louis V. Watwood (USAF ret) of Arlington, Virginia.

LUCILLE WOOD

Lucille Wood has been teaching and coaching on the community college level for 40 years, a career highlighted by accomplishments on the basketball court. But her most recent honor, being selected Outstanding Academic Instructor, is an honor she is especially proud to receive.

LUCILLE WOOD

"I have really enjoyed teaching and hopefully making a difference in the lives of students who take my classes," Wood said.

The former women's basketball coach, who has served the past 37 years at East Central following a three-year stint at Copiah-Lincoln, has a "full" teaching load this fall. Her classes include personal and community health, first aid, fitness and conditioning training, introduction to health, physical education and recreation, and tennis.

In her approach to teaching, Miss Wood said she uses a wide range of instructional techniques designed "to reeducate, motivate, involve and inspire" her students. She added that she strives to continually revise class assignments, request supplemental material to enrich lectures, and secure interesting speakers to present lectures to her classes. She also tries to actively involve her students in the learning process.

A recent incident more than illustrates that students enrolled in her classes sometimes have the opportunity to practice what they learn and perhaps save a life.

One of Miss Wood's former first aid students was recently in a restaurant and noticed another diner seemed to be in distress. The student recognized the problem, remained calm, and used the Heimlich maneuver to aid the choking victim. The student's response after the diner had been relieved of discomfort was, "Wouldn't Miss Wood be proud of me!"

Praise for Miss Wood has also come from parents of her students.

In a letter sent to Miss Wood after the 1993 spring semester, a parent wrote: "You really made an everlasting impression on my son. I wish more young people could be exposed to professional educators like you. We wish you continued good health and many more years of contributing to the betterment of our young people. God bless you!"

Miss Wood also takes pride in the fact she not only teaches each student majoring in education, but in addition she serves as an advisor for physical education majors. She is also sponsor of the Student Education Association.

In years past she also served as cheerleader sponsor, director of women's intramurals and was coordinator of the once annual May Day festivities for 18 years. She twice served as president of the ECCC Alumni Association and is credited with beginning alumni memorial awards presented each year at Awards Day.

Miss Wood was earlier recognized for her many accomplishments as a coach on the East Central campus. The 1986 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee guided the Warriorettes to two state titles and three division crowns in the 1970's and early 1980's. The college's physical education building is named in her honor along with another outstanding East Central alumnus, General Denver Brackeen (ret).

She is also a former ECCC Alumnus of the Year and was recognized as the college's outstanding instructor for the annual HEADWAE program, sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature. Most recently she has been selected outstanding instructor from her division and will be recognized at the annual Lamplighters Program which pays tribute to outstanding teachers from the state's community and junior colleges.

Miss Wood currently serves as Region 23 (MS-LA) Director to the National Junior College Athletic Association and is national chairperson for Slowpitch Softball.

She is a member of the Mississippi Professional Educators, National Junior College Athletic Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, ECCC Alumni Association (lifetime member), University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association, and Calvary Baptist Church in Winston County. She is listed in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Who's Who of American Women and Personalities of the South.*

Miss Wood is a graduate of East Central Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in health, physical education and recreation. In addition, she has completed 63 semester hours beyond the master's degree.

SARA GRIFFFIN

As a computer technology instructor, Mrs. Sara Craft Griffin knows first hand if her students are qualified to enter the business world.

And, as is the case most often, graduates of her program are well prepared to become productive members of the workforce. Many of her students become top-notch computer programmers, data processing managers, or computer operators for large firms and industries. And one former student (Brenda Johnson) teaches computer technology with Mrs. Griffin at the college's Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center.

SARA GRIFFIN

It's knowing her students become successful computer professionals that is most gratifying to Mrs. Griffin, and because of her dedication and determination in helping students succeed, she has been named Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor.

"I have always encouraged my students to do their best-to-reach their full potential; so if I play a small part in a student's success, then I am certainly pleased," she said.

Mrs. Griffin, who has over 30 years experience as a college instructor, actually began her career as secretary to then East Central president Dr. L.O. Todd.

The Union native had planned to work for Dr. Todd only during summer months following graduation from East Central, but Dr. Todd asked her to continue working through the school year and she agreed to postpone her transfer to Mississippi State University.

"I really enjoyed working for Dr. Todd. But a day I'll never forget was when he asked me to type his letter of resignation. I, along with everyone else, was really shocked that he would leave East Central," she recalled.

But Dr. Todd did leave and became superintendent of Meridian Public Schools. Mrs. Griffin completed the school year and continued her education at Mississippi State.

When she enrolled at MSU, Mrs. Griffin pursued a double-major (business/education) which proved to be a wise move when she later began a teaching career.

During her senior year at State, IBM representatives came to campus and offered her a job with their company. She took the position, moved to Dallas, Texas, and worked as an instructor in the company's educational center training customers who purchased IBM data processing equipment.

"It was a great four years and I really enjoyed the challenge of teaching IBM customers how to program and operate their newly-purchased equipment," she said.

But during that time she married B.L. Griffin of Decatur, who was later named business man-

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ager at East Central, a position he held for 16 years. As Mrs. Griffin explained, she gave up "her job for his." They moved to Decatur and Mrs. Griffin renewed her association with East Central as she became registrar for two years under college president Arno Vincent.

Although her duties as registrar were challenging, Mrs. Griffin decided to enter the teaching profession after receiving a call from Dr. Todd who offered her a position at Meridian Junior College. She was later selected to begin a data processing program at the junior college.

She taught 11 years at MJC until being hired in 1972 by ECCC president Dr. Charles Wright to implement EC's new data processing program. Her association at East Central has continued since that time.

Mrs. Griffin said she has many fond memories of East Central, even as a youngster growing up in Union and especially when she was a student on the Decatur campus.

"East Central was the 'focal point' of just about everything back then. Everybody would come to East Central for athletic events, plays and many other activities," she said.

As a student at East Central, Mrs. Griffin was a member of the *Tom Tom* staff, Wesley Foundation, Future Business Leaders of America, the Y Council, student government committees, Women's Student Government, and she was one of the first student selected for induction in the college's first honor society, a forerunner of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college.

Mrs. Griffin said she had a keen interest in student government and recalled an event that was not too common then for female students: she ran for student body president! She ran a "good" race but lost to Rudolph Mayes who also later returned to East Central and was an English instructor for many years before retiring a few years ago.

Mrs. Griffin's interest in education led her to receive a Master's Degree in Education from Mississippi State University. Also, she has completed additional graduate work at Mississippi Southern, Mississippi College, and Mississippi State. In addition, Mrs. Griffin has attended numerous conferences and workshops pertaining to the ever-changing computer field.

When she's not in the classroom, Mrs. Griffin can probably be found at the family's Decatur IGA grocery. She is also involved in various organizations, including the Mississippi Business Education Association, Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges and ECCC Faculty Club. In addition, she is a member of Decatur United Methodist Church and has served as Sunday School teacher and member of the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries.

She and her husband have three children. David, an accounting graduate of Mississippi State University, is associated in business with his father. Diane graduated from the University of Mississippi and is the pharmacist at the Newton Wal-Mart, and Kim is a fourth-year pharmacy student at the University of Mississippi. The Griffins have one grandchild, two-year old Haley Lauren Huey.

PATSY CLARK

This year's Alumna of the Year has given freely of her time and has made numerous contributions in support of various alumni organizations.

Patsy Dunigan Clark (Class of 1960) is a native of Philadelphia, Miss., and now resides in Louisville, Miss.

A former legal assistant for 24 years with Fair and Mayo attorneys in Louisville, Mrs. Clark became "reacquainted" with her alma mater when fellow Winston Countian and ECCC teacher Lucille Wood, who is also being recognized as Academic Instructor of the Year, asked her to be that county's representative to the then newly organized Warrior Club.

PATSY CLARK

She is an active member of The Warrior Club and has worked diligently and successfully in helping raise funds for the college's athletic program, serving as both county representative and president.

She also has been a member of the ECCC Alumni Association for several years, having served as Winston County representative, secretary-treasurer, and currently serves as vice president.

"I came back to campus for a reception in honor of Miss Wood when the gym was named for her and Denver Brackeen and when my mother, Mrs. Zexa Savell Dunigan, attended her 50th year class reunion at Homecoming.

"Both visits were 'eye-openers' as far as seeing the improvements and growth of the college, but at the same time keeping the special atmosphere of making the students feel as individuals and giving them the opportunity to obtain an education.

"I'm really amazed that even though many of the teachers on staff when I was a student are no longer here, there still exists that friendly and caring concern East Central has long been known for," she said.

"Both of my parents and two sisters attended ECCC and at the time I was a student, my uncle, J.O. Evans, was a teacher along with Mr. (L.E.) Cliburn, a distant relative. I am also proud to say I have two cousins presently attending EC, Jill Graham, a Centralette, and Dawn Sharp, a cheerleader. My son-in-law, Jim Nabers, attended EC and as a member of the Warrior football team," she added.

Mrs. Clark said it has been a "wonderful and rewarding" experience coming back to attend meetings and activities and getting to know college personnel, and to have a small part assisting the dedicated professionals who make up the staff of ECCC.

When she is not working on East Central projects, Mrs. Clark and her daughter, Lisa Nabers, are involved in all areas of pageant competition which includes judging as well as coaching young ladies in talent, interview, modeling and grooming.

Also, she is currently serving as Winston County Chairman for the Mary Kirkpatrick Foundation located in Amory, MS.

The Foundation was organized by Sam Haskell, Vice President of William Morris Talent Agency in Los Angeles, CA, in memory of his mother. Through his professional connection, he had stars such as Kathy Lee Gifford, Debbie Allen, Sandi Patti, Mary Ann Mobley, Gary Collins and many more perform at a two-night gala celebration entitled "Entertainment for Education" with all monies raised to be channeled for scholarships based on need, activities, and academic performance. Last year $52,000.00 was awarded to outstanding seniors. This program is expanding state-wide to provide scholarships to Mississippi supported junior and senior colleges.

Mrs. Clark said she is "very excited" over the possibilities and potential of this Foundation.

In addition, Mrs. Clark is a member of the Pilot Club of Louisville, an organization that sponsors many civic, educational and patriotic programs, including scholarships for senior high school girls. The organization also sponsors Miss Hospitality contestants.

Mrs. Clark's husband, William, is Regional Zone Manager (West Coast) for Taylor Machine Works in Louisville. Since her retirement, she has traveled with him to Mexico and the western and northwestern parts of the United States and Canada. "I know it's hard to believe, but we meet a lot of people during our travels who once attended East Central. On our first trip to Los Angeles, we ran into Mrs. Nellie Cross, Carol and Harriet Vickers at the airport," she said.

She said she even runs into a few classmates from time to time, but one former classmate she is especially looking forward to seeing at Homecoming is this year's Alumnus of the Year, Melvin Tingle of Decatur.

"To be chosen Alumna of the Year completely took me by surprise, but this honor is even more special because of the fact that Melvin was my escort at Homecoming our sophomore year. For us to again share a memory of ECCC is an honor I will cherish," she said.

"Melvin and I both attended Philadelphia High School where he was a couple of years ahead of me, but when we attended East Central, we were in the same class because he had been in the armed services before coming to college. Well, when Homecoming elections were held I was voted queen and guess who I chose to escort me - Melvin Tingle. I was dating a football player, Don Griswold, from Atlanta, GA, but the players were not allowed to escort. So I asked Melvin who was sophomore class president and was selected 'most handsome' by the student body. I was very honored to have Melvin as my escort," she said.

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In recalling the 1959 Homecoming activities, Mrs. Clark said the weather had been "just terrible" that morning and it had rained for hours. She said she and members of the court - who at that time also included dormitory queens - were asked if they wanted to go on the field or stay inside, and they decided to proceed with the coronation festivities. And, she said, "a lot of prayers were answered as the rain stopped just prior to their going on the field."

MELVIN TINGLE

Not many people can say they make a living by doing something they really love to do, but such is the case for Melvin Tingle (Class of 1960) of Decatur, Alumnus of the Year for 1993.

Tingle, an avid outdoorsman and gun enthusiast, serves as host of the popular "Mississippi Outdoors" program shown on the Educational Television network. The weekly telecast features Tingle and co-host Mara Hartmann as they venture outdoors capturing on film the state's abundant natural resources. The program also includes a live call-in segment where viewers are invited to ask questions on topics of current interest.

MELVIN TINGLE

Co-produced by Mississippi ETV and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the show has entered its fourth season.

Tingle, a Philadelphia native, said he really enjoys doing the show and having an opportunity "to meet so many interesting people."

"Mississippi is blessed with a great wealth of natural beauty, but the real attraction of the state is its people. That's why I feel so fortunate to have the career I've had. I never dreamed I could have such a great job. The good Lord really placed me at the right place at the right time," Tingle said.

Tingle said no one program from the series has actually "stood out" above the rest, but he did enjoy one show which featured several Choctaw Indians illustrating their native art of stick rabbit hunting.

"They were demonstrating how to kill rabbits with these long sticks and were not having much success. Well, I tried it and was the only one to bag a rabbit. Obviously I was just lucky." Tingle laughed.

Before joining ETV in 1992, Tingle served 26 years with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. It was with the wildlife department that Tingle first became associated with "Mississippi Outdoors," serving two years as host before retiring from the state and joining ETV.

He also served the department for four years as hunter safety supervisor and received national recognition in 1986 as the country's top hunter safety instructor. Tingle was honored for teaching more young people and adults about hunter education than any other educator in the field. He also conducted numerous workshops pertaining to bow hunting, muzzleloading, rifle and shotgun safety, and outdoor survival. Because of these efforts, accidents were reduced in Mississippi by over 70 percent.

Prior to becoming hunter safety supervisor, Tingle served eight years as public relations representative for the department.

Tingle first began his association with the state in 1966 as public relations fieldman for the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission. He also received his "first taste" of being in front of the camera by hosting with Paul Ott Carruth a weekly television and radio show, produced by the Game and Fish Commission. They hosted the program from 1970 until 1984.

His many contributions to the state have not gone unnoticed, as Tingle has received many honors and awards, including the Governor's Award for Conservation.

But before Tingle began his long tenure with the state, he served as manager of East Central's bookstore and student center. Tingle owned and operated a restaurant in Decatur when then business manager B.L. Griffin hired him to come to East Central.

"Back then the student center was where everybody gathered to mainly drink Cokes and eat ice cream. It was a popular hangout for the students - a great place to socialize," Tingle said.

But late one night fire destroyed the popular gathering spot, and Tingle said it was a "very sad" time for everyone.

"The fire began at about 11:30 p.m. and students were running everywhere trying to save what they could. No one was injured, thank goodness, but the student center was a total loss," he said.

Tingle said while the student center was being remodeled, a "makeshift" concession stand was set up in the cafeteria. "It wasn't quite the same, but it was all we could do," he added.

Soon after the tragic fire, fate "took over" and Tingle would begin his career with the "great outdoors."

"I really owe Clayton Blount (former EC coach) who introduced me to Billy Joe Cross (an executive with the State Game and Fish Commission) who asked me if I were interested in becoming a game warden. I quickly said 'yes' and that is how I began working with the state," Tingle said.

Tingle said he owes a lot to East Central, because he not only began his career as a game warden thanks to an EC connection, but he also met his future wife while attending East Central as a student.

"So I guess the best thing to happen while a student at East Central was that I met my wife, and the second best thing was I started a career I also enjoy," Tingle said.

Tingle is married to the former Betty Sims of Decatur who serves as county executive director of the Newton County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). They have **two daughters: Karen Tingle Collins, wife of Dr.** Curt Collins **and a graduate of ECCC and the** University of Mississippi Medical School of Nursing (they reside in Jackson); Emily Tingle Usry, a certified dental assistant, who also attended ECCC and the Mississippi Medical School of Dentistry and resides with husband Stephen in Lawrence; and a son Mingo, a junior at Newton County High School, who said he plans to graduate from ECCC in 1997! The Tingles have one grandson, Hayes Collins.

Despite his busy "retirement career," Tingle also has many hobbies and outside interests.

Several years ago, Tingle came across a copy of the "History of Newton County: 1834-1894," by A.J. Brown. After further investigation, he discovered only 100 copies had been published at its original printing. Tingle said he and wife Betty were determined to have this historical publication available for all citizens so they republished the book and sold copies for a fraction above cost.

"By republishing the book, we feel we have helped preserve the history of Newton County for generations to come," Tingle said.

He is also in much demand as a public speaker, sharing his knowledge and love of antiques, gun collecting, Civil War history and artifacts, Choctaw Indian baskets and artifacts, and history of Newton County.

In addition, Tingle spends a great deal of his time in church-related activities. He is a member of Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist church where he currently serves as Youth Boys' Sunday School teacher and member of the Youth and Lord's Supper committees.

Tingle said he is "really looking forward" to attending Homecoming activities, and added that being on campus - especially at this time of year - always provides many fond memories of when he was a student.

A 1956 graduate of Philadelphia High School, Tingle served two years in the army between his freshman and sophomore year.

"Being a student at East Central was a great experience for me. It was like a family atmosphere here and the faculty and staff madee everyone feel at home. I really liked the teachers and how they conducted their classrooms. I even liked the cafeteria food," he said.

Tingle was a popular student at East Central, having been voted sophomore class president and chosen most handsome. He also escorted the Homecoming Queen, fellow classmate and Neshoba Countian Patsy Clark, selected 1993's Alumna of the Year.

"It will be great seeing Patsy at Homecoming. Maybe she'll let me escort her again this year," he said.

ESTHER THOMAS COLEMAN

Short in stature but tall on talent, Esther Thomas Coleman, a 5'3" standout guard on the Lady Warrior basketball team during the 1978-79 and 1979-80 seasons, said she "dropped the phone" when notified by her former coach, Lucille Wood, that she was selected for induction into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame for 1993.

Coleman, a first team All Region 7 (MS-TN-

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KY) and All-State selection who was also named to the All-Region 7 Tournament Team and was voted most valuable player in the annual All Star game, has been described as the "driving force" that carried East Central to two division titles and a state championship.

Although she insisted on giving credit to Coach Wood and her teammates for any success she may have had on the basketball court, the former team captain was not only East Central's leading scorer her sophomore season but was also the state's second-leading pointmaker and was ranked third in regional scoring.

ESTHER THOMAS COLEMAN

Coleman said there are many highlights associated with her athletic career at East Central: the two-point decision over Hinds for the south division title, another two-point upset win (thanks to her 10-foot jumper with just seconds remaining) over nationally ranked Coahoma in first-round state tournament action and the two point overtime victory against Northwest for the state crown.

But she added the game that *really* stands out the most is a regular season contest against Copiah-Lincoln during which she scored a career-high 44 points! During her freshman and sophomore years she scored a total of 1203 points - in 57 contests - for an average of 21.1 points per game, second in total points in the history of EC girls' basketball.

Prior to her being signed by Coach Wood to attend East Central, Coleman had an outstanding career at Louisville High School and was highly recruited by several colleges, including the University of Mississippi.

But the Rebel recruiter said she was "too short" so Coleman signed with East Central, a decision she said she "never regretted."

"I really enjoyed attending East Central and playing junior college basketball, although I had to make several adjustments, including getting use to the 30-second clock and the much more strenuous workouts under Coach Wood! Coach Wood really believed in working us hard during practice, but it was obviously worth it in the end," she said.

In addition to playing basketball, Coleman also participated in intramural sports and was a member of the choir. She said her two years at EC "were a lot a fun" and cited the "closeness" of everyone on campus as the reason college life was so enjoyable.

Coleman, a physical education major, continued her athletic career at Livingston University which won division and conference titles and advanced to the quarter-finals of National AIAW Tournament in Charleston, South Carolina, her senior year.

Soon after leaving Livingston she returned to Louisville and married Preston Coleman. They now have two children, Patrick and Latoya.

In looking back over her athletic accomplishments, she said there have been several people who have made positive influences in her life.

She credits her father, the late Theodore Thomas who died in 1983, with instilling in her the attitude to "always do your best." Her mom, Lilian Thomas, has also been a "great inspiration." Coleman said she hopes to bring her mother to the awards luncheon at Homecoming although she has been ill with heart problems and has diabetes.

Coleman also thanked her five brothers who "toughened me up" by "allowing" her to play football with them and other friends. The seventh of nine children, Coleman also played a lot of basketball with those same brothers and her three sisters, "which gave me a lot of experience playing ball with people taller than me." Only her younger sister, Pam, is shorter (she stands 5"2') than Esther.

"It was sometimes tough but I learned how to handle myself with taller kids while playing sports in the neighborhood. Of course we had a good time, too," she said.

Other influences in her life have been Coach Wood, Louisville High School girls' coach Sheila Davis, and Deborah Stevens, who coaches in another state.

And one day, Coleman, who has served the past eight years as an office secretary at Louisville High School, hopes to fulfill her dreams of becoming a coach. When that time comes, she will no doubt once again, although short on stature, be tall on talent!

BARBARA JO RUSSELL

She was known for her red hair and "mean hook shot", now she can also be recognized as a member of East Central's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Barbara Jo Davidson Russell, of Union, was a two-time All-State forward for the Lady Warriors during the 1952-53 and 1953-54 seasons.

BARBARA JO RUSSELL

As team captain her sophomore year under Coach Clayton Blount, she led EC to a second place finish in the state finals. She co-captained the Lady Warriors her freshman year, under Coach Frenchie Eilau.

Russell, who found success on the court by mainly "shooting from my right," averaged scoring "somewhere in double figures." A highlight of her scoring success probably occurred in two games in which she pumped in over 40 points. She recalls scoring 42 points in one contest and followed that performance with a 46-point effort!

Although she obviously had much success as an individual pointmaker, Russell prefers for praise to be given to coaches and teammates.

"When we won, it was definitely a team win," she stated.

Russell reminisced how the sport was played in the '50's, and related many fond memories concerning competition on the community college level.

"We had a great following for all our games, mainly because we had so many good players from each county in our district," she said.

Probably another reason for the good crowds was the action on the court.

"If opposing players got in my way when I set up for the hook shot, they would sometimes get knocked to the floor. I was double-teamed a great deal and had to fight for position by mainly using my hips to break free. I could also make a pretty good fake, and as a result, I got fouled a good bit," Russell said.

Even though play on the court was sometimes a little rough, Russell said Coach Blount made sure none of his team members got out of control.

"Coach Blount did not allow us to get mad or fight. We had to control our tempers and stay seated when on the bench," she said.

Russell recalled Coach Blount also made sure the team was in top shape for every game.

"Even though we only played half-court, we still had to be in good condition. Coach Blount was definitely a disciplinarian and believed *strongly* in long workouts," she said.

Russell added she and her teammates had great respect for Coach Blount who "encouraged us to play fair and give our best as a team. I will always appreciate Coach Blount for being such an inspiration," she said.

In looking back, she said it was not difficult for Coach Blount to keep a close rein on her and her teammates, since female students did not have a lot of free time to date or go out at night.

"We had to be in our dorms at 9 p.m. so dating and staying out late was really not a problem, especially after those long workouts," Russell said, adding, "things have obviously changed a lot."

Not only was Russell active in basketball, she was also an active participant in the FBLA, YWA, BSU, Point Committee, Liberal Arts Club and the Wesley Foundation. She also served as the secretary of the first Athletic Club, organized in 1952.

In addition she was voted a favorite her freshman and sophomore years. She participated in the 22nd and 23rd May Day programs, and during the latter was nominated for Miss ECJC.

But her main interest was basketball, a sport she learned to love at an early age.

She played on the varsity team at Union High School as an eighth grader, and later became a four-year letter-winner for the Lady Yellow

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Jackets. During her senior season, she was instrumental in leading Union to a regional tournament title over rival Newton. During that contest, Davidson scored 42 of Union's 50 points! That same season Union finished fourth in the AAA State Tournament, and Davidson was selected first team All-State.

After her high school graduation, Davidson signed a scholarship at East Central which "was a great honor" but also included "other duties as assigned; like sweeping, cleaning rooms, and other chores," she said.

"Obviously, much as changed over the years concerning scholarship requirements," she added.

When Davidson graduated from East Central, she later married Clinton Russell who also attended East Central. He recently retired as Director of the Physical Plant at East Central. They have three grown children: daughter Barbara Shock, a nurse in Camdenton, Missouri; son Randall C. Russell of Jackson, a communications engineer with South Central Bell; and daughter Lynn Hayes of Union, a vocational rehabilitation consultant with Crawford and Company Health and Rehabilitation Services in Meridian. The Russells also have four grandchildren.

Mrs. Russell has maintained a busy career, having served the past 25 years in the accounting and tax service business. For the past 13 years she has owned and operated Russell Accounting Service in Union.

She is also an active member of Clarke Venable Baptist Church where she has served as Sunday School and training union teacher, GA leader and a member of various committees.

She holds membership in the Mississippi Association of Public Accountants, Union Chamber of Commerce, Decatur Progressive Club and Gideon International Auxiliary.

Her hobbies include collecting antiques, spending time with family and friends at the Neshoba County Fair, and helping others.

LOUIS V. WATWOOD

Although it has been almost 60 years since he wore "black and gold" for East Central, Col. Louis V. Watwood (USAF ret) still vividly remembers the excruciating pain of being struck in the face by an opponent's helmet. Football players did not wear face masks back then, and as Col. Watwood put it, "I have a nose to prove it!".

LOUIS V. WATWOOD

A three-sport letterman during the 1935-36 and 1936-37 college terms, Col. Watwood - who has long since had his nose "reconstructed" - no longer has to face bruising tacklers, but he will be recognized before a large Homecoming crowd as one of three inductees into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Watwood resided in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, the former Ann Lucas of Starkville and Washington, D.C. They have a daughter, Leslie, who is an artist also lives in Arlington.

He came to East Central on an athletic scholarship in the fall of 1935 following an outstanding high school career in Goodwater, Alabama, where he was All-State in basketball.

At 6-3, 185 pounds, Watwood played offensive and defensive end for Coach Pat Wilson.

Besides having to play without face masks, Watwood said he recalled that junior college teams were mainly "farm clubs" for major universities.

"Most of the players were really huge and very tough. It was a good brand of football, except for the fact our equipment was not what it is today," he said.

Watwood said he preferred offense to defense, and although he does not recall exact statistics, he did remember catching several touchdown passes. He was also on the receiving end of a key touchdown pass that tied Pearl River 7-7 in the state playoffs.

One of his teammates both years was former East Central president Arno Vincent who resides in Meridian.

Vincent said Watwood was a very good athlete and he enjoyed their relationship.

"We played football and basketball together at East Central and continued playing basketball after signing scholarships at the University of Southern Mississippi. Louis also played football at USM and had a great career there, too," Vincent said.

Watwood was also a standout pitcher and outfielder on the Warrior baseball team. He led EC to a 3-2 win against Sunflower Junior College (now Mississippi Delta Community College) in the state playoffs. His opposing pitcher was Ike Pearson, who later had an outstanding major league career with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Watwood said he really enjoyed the two years at East Central. "We had a good group of students here...the dormitories were full," he added.

Although he obviously had a busy schedule playing three sports, Watwood was an honor student, graduating with a "B" average. He was also a popular student, as evidenced by the caption under his photo in the college yearbook which read, "All the world loves a lover!"

As previously mentioned, Watwood attended USM on a football and basketball scholarship where he again excelled in athletics and academics.

He continued his association with athletics by taking a coaching and teaching position at Tutwiler City Schools in the Mississippi Delta. He once again found success on the gridiron, leading his team to three straight Class B state championships. He also found success in another way, as he met his future bride while employed at Tutwiler.

Watwood's coaching career soon came to an end by World War II. When the war began, he accepted a commission in the Army Corps. After the Air Force was established, he became a regular career officer serving on several bases in the continental United States, the Pacific, Europe and Japan. One of his last assignments before retirement was at the Pentigon where he served as a member of the Air Staff.

During his Air Force career he was selected to attend the University of Texas where he received a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Watwood said he last visited East Central in 1950 when he was just "passing through."

"I'm eagerly looking forward to coming back to see the campus and visit old friends," he added.

FEMALES LEAD EC!

An all-female slate of student body association officers has been selected to lead East Central during the 1993-94 college term. Pictured from left are Jill Willis, treasurer, Jill Graham, secretary, and Leigh Ann Perdeye, vice president, all of Philadelphia; and Amy Pace, president, of Decatur.

Record of Alumni Awards

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

1964 - B. O. Smith, Louisville
1965 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1966 - Henry D. Horton, Louisville
1967 - Crowley Alford, Carthage
1968 - W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
1969 - Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
1970 - Leon Sims, Philadelphia
1971 - Charles Carter, Jackson
1972 - William L. Weems, Jackson
1973 - Arno Vincent, Meridian
1974 - Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
1975 - W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove
1976 - John Risher, Philadelphia
1977 - Jessie Everett, Decatur
1978 - Class of 1928, (First Class)
1979 - Glenn D. Walker, Union
1980 - Russell Walton, (Deceased)
1981 - Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
1982 - Denver Brackeen, Jackson
1983 - Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
1984 - Hennan Alford, (Deceased)
1985 - Carl B. Cooper, (Deceased); Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.
1986 - Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia; Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
1987 - Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur; Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, Alabama
1988 - Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville; Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixson, Tennessee
1989 - Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur; Dr. Walterine Bell, Jackson
1990 - Larry Hogue, Flowood; Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
1991 - Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond; Lois Cooper, Decatur
1992 - Earl Marshall, Clinton; June Bailey, Gulfport
1993 - Melvin Tingle, Decatur; Patsy Dunigan Clark, Louisville

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

1985 - Denver Brackeen, Union
1986 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1987 - Billy Wayne Baucum, (Deceased)
1988 - Howard Jean Sessums, (Deceased)
1989 - Lamar Blount, Decatur; Arno Vincent, Meridian; Earl Marshall, Clinton
1990 - Jeff Loper, Decatur; Richard Harris, Hickory; Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson
1991 - Larry Henderson, Mobile; Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs; Wayne Tullos, Belle Glade, FL
1992 - Evelyn Bender, Newton; Joe Clark, Decatur; Dr. Bert Thompson, (Deceased)
1993 - Esther Thomas Coleman, Louisville; Barbara Jo Davidson Russell, Union; Col. Louis V. Watwood, Arlington, VA.

INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR

1982 - Ovid Vickers
1983 - Dr. Shelby Harris
1984 - Jessie M. Everett
1985 - Bruce Guraedy; Al Bailey
1986 - Ann Burkes; O. L. Newell
1987 - Tommy Thrash; Chester Clark
1988 - Dr. Richard Ethridge; John Adcock
1989 - Joe Clark; Larry Blackburn
1990 - Lois McMullan; Wallace Keen
1991 - Tom Carson; Ricky Harrison
1992 - Ron Davis; Lester Miles
1993 - Lucille Wood; Sara Griffin

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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
October 16, 1993

9:00 A.M. Registration of Guests Begins - Sullivan Center

10:00 A.M. Reunion Groups Meet

1. 1954-55 & 1955-56 Warrior Football Teams - Room 60, Newton Hall
2. 1953-54 Women's Basketball Team - Room 60, Newton Hall
3. 1954-55 and 1955-56 Cheerleaders - Room 60, Newton Hall
4. Cast of 1973 Musical "Hello, Dolly!" - Home Economics Dept.
5. Cast of 1983 Musical "Man of LaMancha" - Home Economics Dept.
6. All Classes Ending in "3"
   - Class of 1933 - Diamond Anniversary, Fine Arts Lounge
   - Class of 1943 - Golden Anniversary, Fine Arts Auditorium
   - Class of 1953 - Fine Arts - Music Library
   - Class of 1963 - Library - Faculty Room
   - Class of 1973 - Newton Hall - Room 105 (Second Floor)
   - Class of 1983 - Library Reading Area
   - Class of 1993 - Newton Hall Faculty Lounge

11:00 A.M. The Warrior Club - All Former Athletes and Current Supporters of Athletics at East Central - Room 60, Newton Hall

11:30 A.M. Luncheon for Head Table Guests

12:00 Noon Alumni Luncheon

2:30 P.M. Football Game - Warrior Stadium - ECCC Warriors vs. Pearl River Community College Wildcats - Halftime: Presentation of Queen and Court and Distinguished Alumni

After Game Reception - Mabry Cafeteria - Alumni, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students and Friends are Invited

Monday-Friday, October 11-15, Homecoming Tennis Tournament

Friday - 4:30 p.m. - October 15, Homecoming Golf Tournament

Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - October 16, Homecoming 5 K Fun Run

East Central Welcomes New Personnel

The 1993 school term saw the addition of several new members to the East Central faculty and administration.

Mr. Troy Brown, Sr. officially began his duties as Dean of Students in early September.

TROY BROWN

Dean Brown comes to East Central from Rockford, Illinois where he was serving as assistant director of human resources for the Rockford Board of Education.

Mississippi is not new to Mr. Brown however, he received his bachelor's degree from Rust College in Holly Springs before attending the University of Mississippi where he completed the course work for a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Educational Leadership. He has eleven years of experience in areas relating to education. H to the former Curressia McFarland of Meridian and they have a 3-year-old son, Troy Jr.

Also joining the ECCC staff is Scott McLemore of Chunky who has been named as automotive technology instructor. Mr. McLemore, a graduate of Lake High School, received an Associate of Science Degree in engineering from East Central Community College. He has also earned additional hours in mechanical engineering from Mississippi State.

SCOTT McLEMORE

Scott was previously employed as an automotive technician at Nelson Hall Chevrolet in Meridian, Killens Chevrolet in Newton, Millsaps Chevrolet in Starkville, and H & W Auto Parts in Lake.

Mr. McLemore is married to the former Renee Freeman.

Mrs. Mary Everett of Decatur joins the faculty in the role of electrical technology instructor. She is a graduate of Newton High School and received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in electronic technology from East Central Community College.

MARY EVERETT

Mrs. Everett has received training in numerous phases of electronic technology in her eight years' employment with Peavey Electronics, including teaching other employees to inspect, test, and repair completed circuit boards.

Mary is married to John Everett and they have four children.

MARIAN THORNTON

Mrs. Marian Thornton is not actually a new employee but rather is returning to a post she held for seventeen years before leaving East Central to teach organ and piano at Clarke College in Newton. She later taught elementary school music on a part-time basis.

In addition to her school duties, Mrs. Thornton has served as pianist, organist, and choir director of area churches. She is presently serving as music director at Hickory Baptist Church.

Mrs. Thornton is a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Community College and William Carey College. She earned her master's degree in music education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mrs. Janice Jacobs recently became the instructor of the new surgical technology program. She has been employed as a nurse for the past fifteen years. Much of this time, she served as a nurse in the operating room. Her most recent service was as a circulating and scrub nurse in the operating room at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

Mrs. Jacobs is a graduate of Southeast Lauderdale High School and received an operating room technician certificate and an associate degree in nursing from Meridian Community College.

JANICE JACOBS

Mrs. Jacobs makes her home in Meridian with her husband, Jody, and their three children.

Mrs. Mary Ann Wright of Meridian is serving as childcare supervision technology instructor. She has approximately nine years of experience in the field of education, including six years as occupational childcare instructor for the Lauderdale County School System.

MARY ANN WRIGHT

Mrs. Wright is a graduate of Houston High School and the University of Southern Mississippi where she received the Bachelor of Science Degree in home economics. She has also completed additional hours at the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, and the Ross Collins Vocational Center.

Also joining the faculty is Mrs. Johnnie Lyn Netherland of Walnut Grove who is the Workforce Training Site Coordinator at Choctaw Maid in Carthage for East Central.

JOHNNIE NETHERLAND

Mrs. Netherland was

Personnel

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previously employed at Superior Carbon Products, Inc. in Walnut Grove, where she served as laboratory safety and waste control supervisor. Her duties also included supervision, management and training of employees. She has a total of seven years work experience in an industrial setting.

A graduate of Carthage High School, she also attended East Central Junior College and received a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Mississippi with minor emphasis in chemistry, English and psychology.

She is married to Allen Netherland, a collision repair technician at Clinton Body Shop.

Filling the position of college nurse is Mrs. Frankie Harrison of Newton. Mrs. Harrison formerly coordinated and taught adult education classes such as CPR and first aid for business and industries and performed various health screening for Rush Med Pro of Meridian for three years. She served as college nurse for Clarke College and taught allied health at the Newton County Vocational-Technical Center in Decatur.

FRANKIE HARRISON

Mrs. Harrison is a graduate of Forest High and Meridian Community College where she obtained an Associate of Arts Degree in Nursing. She is married to Dan Harrison and they have two children.

Serving in the position of Coordinator of Tech Prep Education is Mrs. Maudean Sanders of Union. Mrs. Sanders is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and East Central Community College. She received the Bachelor of Science Degree from Mississippi University for Women and the Master of Education Degree from Mississippi State University.

Mrs. Sanders has a broad base of experience in education, including several years of teaching with the Neshoba Central School system. She also worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for eight years before serving as staff development and accreditation coordinator for the Choc-taw Tribal schools.

MAUDEAN SANDERS

NEW DRESSING ROOM CONSTRUCTED

Members of the Warrior baseball team will soon be moving into a new dressing room being added on to the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. The facility will also be available for visiting football teams. Athletic coordinator Sammy Pace said the new dressing room is "a welcome addition to the athletic department." Baseball coach Jamie Clark added his players are "ready to move in and look forward to utilizing the new facility."

East Central To Offer Associate Degree Nursing Program

East Central received approval from the Board of Trustees of State Institutions for Higher Learning to proceed with plans to offer an associate degree nursing program beginning with the 1994-95 school year.

The Board announced its decision in June, based on the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee of the Mississippi Council of Deans and Directors of Schools of Nursing.

Approval of the two-year academic program was "welcomed news" according to ECCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Phil Sutphin, who said the college has been working diligently the past several years to offer programs of study in the health-related field.

"There is a tremendous demand for additional quality health care professionals in our district and state, and we look forward to filling that need by providing the ADN program as well as other health-related programs of study," he said.

Now that East Central has successfully completed the second of five stages in the application process, Dr. Sutphin said the next step involves employment of an ADN director (which has recently been done with the selection of Mrs. Nancy Harris of Philadelphia) who will direct the activities to acquire provisional accreditation. The person selected must be employed a full year before the first class is enrolled. In addition, four other instructors - who must be trained in one of the nursing specialities of Medical Surgical Nursing, Nursing of Children, Psychiatric Nursing or Maternal Infant Nursing - will be chosen approximately six months prior to the first class meeting.

The ADN program is the third health-related program to receive approval on the Decatur campus.

The college began offering a licensed practical nursing program last fall with a maximum of 26 students enrolled in the two-instructor program. Graduates were recognized during special ceremonies held August 6.

East Central earlier received permission to offer Surgical Technology which began with the current fall term. Dr. Sutphin said Mrs. Janice Jacobs was selected as instructor and began her new duties on July 12. She was previously employed by Anderson Hospital in Meridian as an RN in the operating room.

For more information about the college's health-related programs contact Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 202.

ECCC Has Record Enrollment

A record 1446 students are enrolled in day and evening classes at East Central, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

The new record surpasses the 1422 mark set during the 1993 spring term, and is an increase of 44 students as compared to the 1992 fall term.

Included in the record enrollment are 642 academic full-time students, 233 technical full-time students, and 94 vocational students. Also included are 89 academic part-time students, 12 technical part-time students and 376 who are enrolled in evening classes.

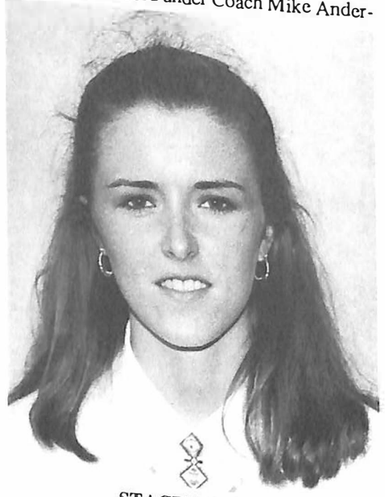
McMullan said an interesting statistic is that 511 of the 1446 students enrolled are 23 years of age or older. There is a 4 to 3 ratio of female to male students, he added.

Smith, Vowell Selected Academic All-Americans

Two former East Central student-athletes have received national recognition for their outstanding accomplishments on the athletic field and in the classroom the past two years.

Stacey Smith of Decatur, a member of the college's first woman's softball team, has been selected an NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American and Chris Vowell of Philadelphia, a standout pitcher/first baseman for the Diamond Warriors, was named to the NJCAA Academic All-American Team.

Smith, a business administration major, graduated this past spring with a 3.956 grade point average. She was a first baseman/outfielder on an "all-volunteer" squad which compiled an 8-14 record under Coach Mike Anderson. The Decatur High School graduate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith of Decatur. She is continuing her education at the University of Mississippi.



STACEY SMITH

Vowell, also a business administration major, graduated with a 3.712 grade point average. He was 3-1 as a starter for the 29-15 Diamond Warriors and had two saves. He threw a no-hitter in a 8-0 win over visiting Co-Lin on May 1. Vowell was selected "Exemplary Player of the Year" by Coach Jamie Clark. He signed a national letter-of-intent with the University of Mississippi. The Neshoba Central graduate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Vowell of Philadelphia.

Nominees for Academic All-American must have lettered in one or more sports recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association and have an accumulated grade point average of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale for 60 quarter hours or 45 semester hours. Those selected Distinguished Academic All-Americans earned at least a 3.8 grade point average.

The honorees will be featured in JUCO REVIEW, the association's national publication, later this year.

CHRIS VOWELL

ECCC Has The Blues!

If you have been to a home basketball game recently, you have heard the "blues" coming from a corner of the gym, compliments of EC's own blues band, 'Round Midnite.

"Started several years ago, under the name 'Conehatta Blues Connection' this group gives students an opportunity to play 12 bar blues; something we owe to all present day rock music," said the groups organized EC band director Thomas W. Carson.

'Round Midnite entertains at home basketball games, and at various locations around the ECCC District.

Members includ; bass player - John Stansbury, Morton; guitarists - Jeremy Burson, Union and Tom Carson, Decatur; alumni sax player - Gary Moody, Carthage; vocalist - Eric Jordan, Decatur; and drummer - Harbert Johnson, Walnut Grove.

Jordan, a freshman, arrives with plenty of blues experience as he had his own band, "Southern Blues Orchestra."

OUTSTANDING ECCC INSTRUCTORS

Outstanding East Central faculty members representing their respective divisions have been selected for the 1993-94 college term and were recognized at the annual Lamplighter Program held at Gulf Coast Community College on September 30. Honorees include (seated from left) Lucille Wood, instructor of health, recreation and physical education and Judy Carroll, speech and theater: and (standing from left) Lester Miles, heating and air conditioning technology; Ron Davis, biological science.

East Central Expands Adult Education Services

East Central has expanded its adult basic education program to include classroom instruction in all five support counties, announced Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education.

Davis said the college has expanding its ABE program "because of the tremendous need to assist adult learners who need help in obtaining their GED or want to improve basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics."

He said classes at all locations began Tuesday, September 7.

Class locations include the following:

LEAKE COUNTY

Carthage and Thomastown high schools, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursdays. Instructors are Susan Beard and Ruby Rushing (Carthage) and Annie Gill (Thomastown).

NESHOBA COUNTY

Philadelphia high school, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays; and Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Instructors are Rene Wood and Paula Anderson (Philadelphia) and Sandy Wedgeworth (vo-tech center).

NEWTON COUNTY

Newton elementary school, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays; East Central Community College campus, 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and Union high school, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays. Instructors are Linda Lofton (Newton), Carol Vickers (ECCC, mornings), Andy and Dorothy Armstrong and Jackie Richardson (ECCC, evenings) and Sue Addy and Nancy Alexander (Union).

SCOTT COUNTY

Forest/Scott County Vo-Tech Center, 6 to 8 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays. Instructors are Dollie Bell and Monica McCrary.

WINSTON COUNTY

Miller Chapel, 4 to 7 p.m., Mondays; Greensboro Community Center, 5 to 7:30 p.m., Mondays; Louisville elementary school, 6 to 9 p.m., Mondays; Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays; and Louisville/Winston County Vo-Tech Center, 5 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Instructors are Edrice Whitley (Miller), Sallie M. Mitchell (Greensboro), Lerner Marshall (Louisville), Loistein Gill (Mt. Moriah), and Daphe Donald, Shelby Varner, Yvonne Duke, Edrice Whitley and Sallie Mitchell (vo-tech center).

Band Department Signs Record Number

What has 196 legs, can be heard for miles and is usually spotted every afternoon in the hot sun? The mighty Warrior Band of course!!! After coming off a record 1992-93 year of growth, Band Director Thomas Carson is pleased to have on board 98 members for this year's edition of the marching band.

When asked about factors contributing to the band department's growth, Mr. Carson stated, "It would have to be the wide variety of performing groups that we offer. In addition to the marching and concert band, we have a jazz band, a rock/country band, a blues band, and a "pit orchestra" for the spring musical. This allows our student musicians an opportunity to get involved with just about any type of musical group to suite every taste."

Serving as student leaders this year are Band Council members: Drum Major - Leigh Ann Sigrest, Forest; Drum Captain - Rodney Bost, Philadelphia; Centralette Captain - Mandi Bates, Philadelphia; Centralette Co-Captain - Yancey Mason, Philadelphia; Flag Captain - Susan Rigdon, Union; Flag Co-Captain - Dawn Pugh, Louisville; Rifle Captain - Misti Nowell, Louisville; and Horn Captain - Leslie Ross, Forest.

Mr. Carson invites all band alumni to drop by and visit the band hall or come see a performance by this year's fine group.

Collegians Ready To Rock

After two days of tryouts and interviews, the 1993-94 edition of the Collegians are in full swing!

On August 30-31, 40 students vied for a spot on the 18 member roster. Collegians Director Tom Carson said he was "very pleased" with the large turn out during auditions and gives credit to all the students who tried out.

Stated Mr. Carson, "The competition in all areas was very strong. I was very impressed with the talent on this campus."

This year, the popular rock/country music group will again perform a variety of music, so that most every one attending a performance will have a great time.

In addition to their campus concerts and spring high school concerts, the Collegians will be considering various invitations received from Disney World, Sea World, or Bush Gardens in Florida for their annual summer tour.

This year' members include:

Vocals: Mandi Bates, Philadelphia; Robert Evans, Eric Jordan, Amy Service, all of Decatur; Lorrie Howell, Carthage; and Paul Wells, Noxapater.

Rhythm: Keyboard - Sharon Eldridge, Philadelphia; bass guitar - John Stansbury, Morton; lead guitar - Jeremy Burson, Union; and drumset - Harbert Johnson, Walnut Grove.

Winds: Trumpet - Clay Fuller, Louisville; trombone - Ryan Buteaux, Newton; tenor sax/Collegian president - Tommy Denson, Morton; and alto sax - Vince Brown, Meridian.

Technicians: Eric Adcock, Walnut Grove; James Crapse, Newton; Jamie Thompson, Morton; Harold McAdory, Philadelphia; and Leslie Ross, Forest.

LAURA ANTHONY

EC Sophomore Is Miss Neshoba County

The 1993 Neshoba County Fair will remain a special memory for East Central sophomore Laura Dean Anthony. On Monday night of the Fair the blonde nineteen-year-old was selected as the 1993-94 Miss Neshoba County, a title she will retain until next year's fair.

The daughter of the late Otha Lee Anthony and the late Kathadean S. Anthony, Laura is currently enrolled in the Liberal Arts program at East Central. She won the title from a field of fifteen contestants.

♥Couples Who Met "And Matched"♥ At East Central Community College

JEAN AND PRUITT CALVERT

"A lovable, downhome character like we've all known," -- that's the way a recent news article in a local paper described the character of "Aunt Blabby." The same words might be used to describe the man who portrays Aunt Blabby - Louisville native Pruitt Calvert.

Calvert and his wife, the former Jean Linch, actually began dating while they were students at East Central "during East Central's basketball heyday." Mrs. Calvert remembers that during those days the only dates were those taken by walking with a chaperone to the local movie, and she remembers that "Mrs. Gardner(Dean of Women) took away my social privileges for a week because Pruitt and I were walking back from the movie with our arms around one another."

The Calverts have, for many years, owned Winston Furniture Company, which also has a branch in Philadelphia, and the two have remained active in a number of activities throughout their professional lives. Pruitt stays busy portraying Aunt Blabby for civic, church, and community organizations throughout the state and in 5 other states. In addition, he has been active in the Louisville Chamber of Commerce and was named Winston County's Man of the Year in 1991. That same year he was given the Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Rotary Club. Calvert served on the Louisville Board of Aldermen for sixteen years and as Mayor Pro-Tem for eight years.

Mrs. Calvert has enjoyed being a homemaker and working part-time in the family business. She and her husband also enjoy restoring old buildings and houses. Among her many interests are the couple's two children: daughter Kaye, who is married to a Presbyterian minister and is the mother of three children, and son Speedy, an outstanding tennis player who attended East Central in the mid-seventies and now resides in Louisville with his wife and two children.

When asked about their memories of East Central, both of the Calverts remembered the outstanding instructors they had here. They especially remembered Miss Una Harris, Mrs. Stella Newsom, Mr. Wallace Bewell; and they remembered above all that Dr. L.O. Todd, president of the school, was always a friend to the students.

As editor of the TOM-TOM while he was a student at East Central, Pruitt wrote sports news not only for the school paper but for daily papers in the area. He also was sports editor of the school yearbook, the WO-HE-LO. Jean was active in the BSU during her stay at East Central and served as typist for the paper which Pruitt edited under the watchful eye of Miss Una Harris.

Mrs. Calvert, in addition to her family and business interests, is a past president of the Wednesday Culture Club and of the Red Hills Art Association. She is active in women's church activities and is a member of the Mississippi Poetry Society. She also loves to paint and several of her paintings hang in various businesses and homes in the East Central area.

Those who have laughed at the character of Aunt Blabby at one or more of the hundreds of performances Calvert has given will agree that perhaps his greatest talent is in making others laugh and feel good about themselves and those around us. As his wife says, "God has blessed us for these many years, and we thank him for all the many friends we have developed through Aunt Blabby."

VIRGINIA AND SAMMY PACE

Although Sammy Pace and Virginia Barrett actually knew each other before attending East Central, East Central certainly played an important role in their courtship. Aside from the fact that Sammy's brother and Virginia's dad worked for the same company, each of them had previously dated a close personal friend of the other, so the names and faces were certainly familiar. Finally, another mutual friend arranged a "blind" date for the two of them and that led to another date and another date, and, well you get the picture.

So, where's the E.C. connection? During Virginia's sophomore year at East Central, (Sammy was attending MSU at the time), she was a member of the cast of *South Pacific*. "This was in the old days when girls could only date on Tuesday or Thursday nights," Virginia explained. "Of course, Mr. Peterson wanted to rehearse every night. His only concession was to allow our dates to attend rehearsals where we could talk to them when we were not on stage. Mr. Vickers found out that I was dating Sammy, and that was all it took! Every time I saw Mr. Vickers after that, he would always say, 'You'd better marry that ole boy.' Of course, I tried to tell him that I just wasn't ready to get married, but he had a standard comeback for that excuse -- 'What are you going to do if someone else grabs him before you get ready?' It didn't take long before I started getting the message."

After graduating from East Central, Virginia attended summer school at MSCW while Sammy finished his bachelor's degree at MSU. Sammy had a class on Saturday, so Virginia would frequently spend the night with Melissa Heard (daughter of George and Sara Heard of Decatur) who was also attending Mississippi State. The rest, as they say, is history. By the end of the summer, wedding bells were ringing.

When the couple decided to get married, they of course rushed home to break the news to their respective families, but not before stopping by Decatur to share the moment with Mr. Vickers. They also discussed plans for the actual ceremony and decided to get married in the Decatur United Methodist Church which the Vickers attended. This allowed several of the EC "family" who had encouraged their relationship to be guests at the wedding, including Mr. Ovid Vickers, Mr. Bruce Peterson, Coach Joe Clark, and Mrs. Sara Heard.

Sammy and Virginia just celebrated their twenty-second wedding anniversary on September 3. This just proves, of course, that all good marriages aren't made in Heaven -- some are made in Decatur.

BETH AND RANDY EASON

They were freshmen rehearsing for "Annie Get Your Gun" in 1972 when the old "love bug" (Continued on Page 17)

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struck then Beth Heard of Decatur as she noticed Randy Eason of Newton moving props across the stage in preparation for the annual musical production.

Although Beth was interested at first sight, it took a little help from a friend to actually set up a date.

"Joyce (Blount) Pearson introduced Randy and me after rehearsals and we started dating the same week. We continued dating through college and were married on September 7, 1975," Beth said.

Randy also gives credit for the "match" to English instructor Ovid Vickers, who also taught speech and assisted with the musical presentations.

"I remember Mr. Vickers asking us in speech class one day if we wanted an 'A' in his class. Well, of course I said 'yes' and then he told me to report to the fine arts center and sign up for the musical," Randy said, adding, "I'm certainly glad I went down there so Beth could discover me!"

Both had minor roles during that production and in "Hello, Dolly" presented their sophomore year.

Besides serving as the couple's "love connection," Beth and Randy agreed that participation in the spring musicals represented their fondest memories of East Central.

"It was just amazing how Mr. Vickers and Mr. (Bruce) Peterson put the production together. Mr. Peterson would bring the characters to life and all of us would work together as a team. It was a way to get to know students you didn't have classes with," Beth said.

Randy and Beth live in Forest where Randy began his optometry practice in 1980. He has also added an in-office laboratory and optical dispensary. For the past eight years Beth has served as office manager at the clinic, located on Airport Road. They have two children: Jason, 14, who recently earned his Eagle Scout badge, and Sarah Jane, 11.

Besides their participation in spring musicals and their association with the ECJC Players, Beth and Randy were also active in other activities.

Beth as a member of the Wesley Foundation and Randy held membership in the French Club and Phi Theta Kappa.

But Randy is probably most remembered for an incident that almost kept him from graduating.

Although somewhat reluctant to discuss the incident, Randy said he and another student "dressed up like girls" and went into the female dormitory.

"We wore housecoats and had these great looking wigs on and just made our way into the girls' dorm. We walked up and down the aisles and even went into somebody's room before someone noticed we weren't really girls. We then burst out of the dorm thinking we had gotten away with it," Randy recalled.

But a few days later, word got around campus concerning the identity of the guilty party. Randy said Denver Brackeen, then Dean of Students, approached him the day of graduation and said, "Randy, you know who went into the girls' dorm, don't you?" "Well, I knew I was dead and probably would not get to graduate, but thank the good Lord they allowed me to get my diploma that night," Randy said.

The Forest couple said they had many "wonderful" instructors at East Central.

"Of course our favorite instructor was my mother," Beth stated. "At least I had better say that," she added. Beth's mother, Mrs. Sara Heard, taught biology for 17 years before retiring in 1987.

After graduating from East Central, Beth (Continued on Page 18)

1955 ECCC PRODUCTION

Pictured are East Central students who were among cast members for the 1955 production of "Death Takes a Holiday," performed in Huff Auditorium. From left are Unice Shields and Glen Majure, both of Newton; Barney Jefcoat of Lena, Billy Oakes of Newton, Jim McWhirter and Kay Roberts, both of Louisville; and Nan Harbour of Philadelphia.

McELHENNEY HONORED

Retiring East Central masonry instructor Paul McElhenney (fourth from left) received special recognition and was presented various gifts during the college's annual end-of-the-year banquet held on Decatur campus. McElhenney, who served 17 years on the East Central staff, had earlier announced his resignation due to health reasons. An avid fisherman, McElhenney received several gifts, including a fish cooker, fishing rod and portable telephone "so he can call his buddies and tell them where the fish are biting!" Pictured with McElhenney are fellow vocational-technical personnel (from left) Ricky Harrison, drafting and design technology instructor; Larry Blackburn, workforce specialist; and John Adcock, vo-tech director, who related various "comments" about the honoree along with presenting him with items shown above. A presentation was also made by Chester Clark, assistant vo-tech director. At right is Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Tribe Recognizes Marty Gamblin For Contributions To Choctaw Fair

A Philadelphia native has received recognition for his "support of and contributions toward bringing outstanding entertainment to the Choctaw Indian Fair."

Marty Gamblin, manager of Glen Campbell Music in Nashville, was presented a plaque Friday night of the Fair by Chief Phillip Martin and the Tribal Council of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

After graduating from Philadelphia High School, Gamblin attended East Central Junior College and Mississippi State University.

While in college, he worked summers for a music entertainment company. He later became road manager for the sixties group, the Poppies. He worked tours that included James Brown, Joe Tex, Sam and Dave, Billy Stewart and others. From here, he went on to work on the road and do bookings for Dorothy Moore, Jim Weatherly and B. J. Thomas.

Gamblin returned to Philadelphia and Neshoba County in 1970 as the Neighborhood Services director for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and then Program Development and Training Officer, writing grants for federal funding for the tribe.

During that time, Gamblin was asked by the Tribal Chief to serve as the director of the Choctaw Indian Fair. He was also named director of Tribal recreation and the Save The Children Federation.

Gamblin returned to Nashville in 1977 as professional manager of Keca Music. While working with Jim Weatherly, he had a number of gold and platinum albums, including such standards as "Neither One of Us," "You're The Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me," and "Midnight Train to Georgia."

Following this, he moved to Los Angeles where he re-opened Glen Campbell Publishing Company before returning to Nashville three years later.

Since becoming professional manager of Glen Campbell Music he has worked with and made number one records with such artists as Kenny Rogers, Fleetwood Mac, Bonnie Raitt, Randy Travis, The Highwaymen, Ricky Van Shelton, George Jones, Tanya Tucker, Barbara Mandrell, Sammie Kershaw, Collin Raye, Alan Jackson and Glen Campbell.

For the past two years, Glen Campbell Music has been named one of Country Music's Top 10 Publishers. It has made over 15 number one

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Marty Gamblin, left, accepts a plaque presented to him by Chief Phillip Martin, right, in appreciation for his "support of and contributions toward bringing outstanding entertainment to the Choctaw Indian Fair."

RETIRING ECCC NURSE HONORED

Retiring East Central school nurse Mrs. Mary Massengale (seated in middle) was recently honored with a "coffee hour" to commemorate her almost 25 years of service on the Decatur campus. Mrs. Massengale received several gifts on behalf of friends and co-workers, including the crystal clock and silver tea service displayed in front. She is seated next to daughters (from left) Donita Schellbach and Cheryl Ferguson, both of Hickory. Standing are Mrs. Alice Pouncey (left) and Mrs. Sarah Heard, both of Decatur, who coordinated the reception, held at the Pouncey residence.

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attended Mississippi University for Women where she received a bachelors degree in microbiology. Randy attended Mississippi State University and earned a bachelor's degree in physics with a minor in biology.

The couple married a few months after graduation and headed for Memphis where Randy attended Southern College of Optometry.

They moved to Forest in 1979 and Beth was hired by Chef Pierre (now Sara Lee) to work in the laboratory and assist with the opening of the new facility. She later was named quality control supervisor and then quality control manager before leaving the company to work with Randy.

Beth and Randy said working together has been "a great experience" and "the best career move for the entire family."

"Many couples may find working together simply impossible; but for us it has really been rewarding," they agreed.

They also agreed on the best place for couples to meet: East Central Community College!

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ALUMNI COUPLES:

Did you meet at East Central? If so, let us know!

Please contact the college's Public Information Office, Box 50, ECCC, Decatur, Mississippi 39327, if you would like to be featured in an upcoming publication.

Gilmer Puts On Whole Show In Walnut Grove

Billy Gilmer's dream is coming true.

The 39-year-old elementary teacher's investment, hard work and ambition of establishing a theatre in this sleepy Leake County hamlet has come to fruition with last a out performance of one of gospel music's giants, The Chuck Wagon Gang.

Who possessed him to take on this project in a town off the beaten path, with slim chances of survival?

"In the summer of 1990 I went to Branson, Missouri, and that's where I got the idea for the theatre," said the soft-spoken Gilmer. "I had to find a building that I could adapt for this, and this is the one I chose."

Branson is home to many theatres that host country and other musical acts. Some of Nashville's biggest stars now play almost year round in the Ozark tourist attraction. Getting a theatre in Walnut Grove was a bit harder.

Gilmer started his 200 seat theatre in 1990 when he purchased a building on the town square that was originally a motion picture theatre, and then in no particular order, a loan company and a furniture store. He bought the site from Mrs. Bernice Upton, whose family is prominent in the area.

Taking out a partition here and there and moving some equipment in and out, the building slowly took shape. He got hold of some old seats from South Leake High School where he teaches and held his first performance on New Year's Eve in 1991 with local talent.

"I spent more money that I would have like to (on renovations), but I got the building for a good price," Gilmer said as he walked down the aisle of his theatre. Since then, his theatre has hosted the nationally-known Florida Boys, The Gospel Echoes and The Revelations from Morton. Gilmer plays keyboards for the Scott county group.

Apprehension from the local townsfolk greeted Gilmer when he began his plans for the theatre. "When people first heard that I was going to open a theatre, the first thing they asked was 'What kind of movies are you going to show?' They would mention that. I had to overcome that, to tell the people that this theatre is for performing arts," he said.

Gilmer's building did once show moving pictures and that was one reason why people assumed they would again be seeing images across the silver screen.

In the '30s and '40s, when westerns were extremely popular and society was less mobilized, big crowds flocked to town to see movies. Of particular interest were movies made by Lash Larue and the Sisco Kid because of a local connection.

"Fuzzy Q. Jones (his stage name), was a cowboy comedian and when his movies played here, he would from time to time come by and entertain, they tell me. When he would come and visit, he was the talk of the town. His stepson married into the Upton family," said Gilmer.

Those were the days when acting troupes would 'barnstorm' across the country, promoting themselves at every opportunity, according to Bernice Upton.

"Fuzzy would ride his unicycle down the aisle and do tricks. He came to Walnut Grove almost every Christmas. He like to come here at that time of the year," she said.

One thing that made establishing the theatre easier for Gilmer was that he had an extensive musical background growing up.

"I grew up in a musical family. My father had a country music band in the 1940's and 50's. My sister and I were expected to play instruments. She sang country, but I branched out into gospel, Broadway and classical music," he said.

The experience with Broadway plays led him to stage abridged versions of **H.M.S. Pennafore, The Sound of Music** and **Cinderella** at South Leake. "That's where the theatre part of my background comes in," he said.

"I am the owner, promoter, janitor, performer, emcee and manager. You name it and I do it to get a show here," he said. Gilmer even operates a small concession stand in the tiny outside lobby to help make ends meet.

Though proceeds from shows haven't put Gilmer in another tax bracket, that hardly matters to him. "It is something I just wanted to do, and I enjoy it," he said.

Gilmer attended East Central during the early 1970s and was involved in theatre productions under the direction of Bruce Peterson, former EC speech and theatre instructor.

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songs in the past three years and currently has the number one song in the country this week with Alan Jackson's "Chattahoochie."

In 1992 Glen Campbell Music received the Country Music Song of the Year award with "Don't Rock the Jukebox" and the Gospel Music Association's Country Song of the Year for "Where Shadows Never Fall."

This year, they received the Country Music Video of the Year for "Midnight in Montgomery."

Gamblin brought Alan Jackson to Nashville in 1986, managed him, published his songs and was instrumental in acquiring his recording contract with Arista Records.

Thus far, Jackson has had 12 consecutive number one records, has sold over six million albums and was recently named Country Music's "Top Male Vocalist" and "Entertainer of the Year."

In addition to working the Glen Campbell, Gamblin's current activity is centered around managing the Liberty recording group Pearl River. He is also working with Rick Tanksley, Bryan White and other artists in publishing and recording. He still finds time to listen to and pitch songs throughout the music industry.

Gamblin is a member of the Country Music Association, the Academy of Country Music, the Gospel Music Association and Nashville Entertainment Association.

He and his wife, the former Cherie Sampsell of Philadelphia, have two sons, Josh, and Calab Nolan.

Wiggins Completes First Book

Dr. Gene Wiggins, Director of the School of Communications at the University of Southern Mississippi has written a new book that was first used in the fall of 1992 for his communication law class.

Wiggins' book, *Mass Communication Law for Mississippi*, was published in the spring of 1992 and is now used by press associations, students at other Mississippi universities and professionals around the state.

Although it took Wiggins a year to complete the book, he says that it is in part an accumulation off material that he has been using in his communication law class.

"I just updated and expanded research that I have done for my law class through the years to cover all areas for the lawbook," Wiggins said.

Written for laymen, the 100-page book covers all laws and judicial decisions of Mississippi that affect communication law in the state. Wiggins says that about half of the states in the U.S. have such books.

Since publishing the book, Wiggins said he attempts to remain current on all laws and court decisions that can be added to the text. The book is scheduled to be updated and reprinted about every three years.

Wiggins has been working on another book for about seven years. Called his "love/hate" project, a *History of Mississippi Journalism* is being compiled by Wiggins. About half complete, the two-volume history will contain two centuries of information concerning Mississippi newspapers.

Wiggins has been at USM for 20 years. He was named director in 1983. He is a graduate of Forest High School and East Central Community College. While attending East Central from '61 to '63, Wiggins was active in theatre productions on the campus and wrote for the TOM-TOM.

Wiggins is remembered by East Central instructor and former theatre director Ovid Vickers as "a most talented and humorous young man who could always see the best in any situation."

Wiggins has been instrumental in guiding a number of East Central students through the School of Communications at USM.

Delcomyn To Head Jackson Loan Branch

Great Southern National Bank, a Meridian based banking system, named Gene Delcomyn Senior Vice President of its commercial loan branch in Jackson effective May 3, 1993. The new office is located at Suite 102, 860 East Riverplace.

"Gene is an outstanding loan officer with great experience in the Jackson market," said GSNB Chairman James T. Speed. "We expect Gene to carve a niche in this important market to meet GSNB's need for quality commercial loans."

The Comptroller of Currency approved the new branch on April 16, 1993.

Delcomyn was previously Senior Vice President and Division Manager for Eastover Bank for Savings. He was a senior loan officer and bank president for Peoples Bank of Mississippi, N.A., in Jackson prior to its merger with Eastover.

A native of Forest, Delcomyn attended East Central Junior College and the University of Mississippi. He received a certificate in Bank Management from the University of Virginia, and a degree from the Graduate School of Commercial Lending at the University of Oklahoma. He is also a graduate of the Management School for Corporate Banking at Northwestern University.

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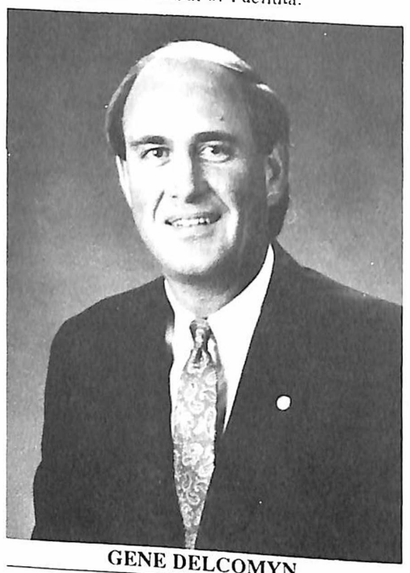
Delcomyn is a Senior Associate with Robert Morris & Associates, has served on numerous committees with the Jackson Chamber of Commerce and is past president of the Jackson Clearinghouse Association.

His civic activities include the Junior Achievement of Jackson, Boy Scouts of America, Kiwanis Club, the United Way and the Boy's Club Foundation.

Delcomyn and his wife, Bettie, are members of Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton and have a son and a daughter.

Great Southern National Bank is a $170 million area bank which includes Bank of Meridian, Bank of Mississippi, Bank of Quitman, Bank of Wayne County, Bank of Decatur, Bank of Enterprise and Bank of Pachuta.



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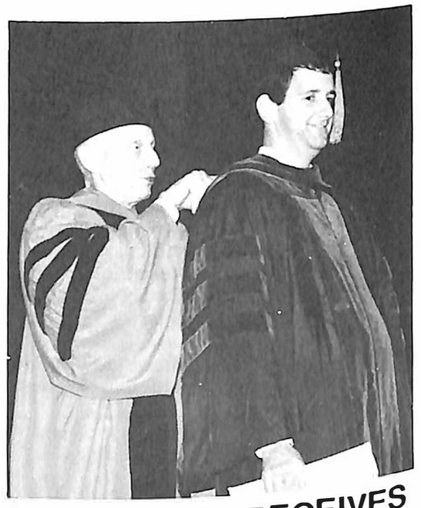

WOODWARD RECEIVES MD DEGREE

Douglas Kimball Woodward of Louisville (right) received the MD at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Commencement exercises in Jackson. He received the doctoral hood from Dr. Richard C. Miller, left, medical school associate dean for clinical affairs. Woodward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Woodward of Louisville and will intern in family medicine at the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Program in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Dr. Woodward attended East Central from 1985 to 1987 and was selected as "Most Handsome" during his sophomore year.

Valentine Receives Board Certification

Dr. J. Lee Valentine has recently received notification that he successfully completed the requirements to achieve board certified status by the American Osteopathic Board of General Practitioners.

Dr. Valentine, a native of Decatur, is currently in practice with Primary Care Associates, a family practice clinic in Meridian. He is a graduate of the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, MO. His internship in the field of Family Practice was done at the Sun Coast Hospital in Largo, Fla. He has been in private practice since 1982.

He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of three children. They make their home in Meridian.

Dr. Valentine attended East Central during the summers of 1971 and 1972.

Mrs. Gilbert Receives Faculty Scholar Award

Mrs. Crispin Gilbert, a native of Philadelphia, was presented the Faculty Scholar Award during an Honors Day program at Andrew College in Cuthbert, GA.

The presentation was made by Karan Berryman on behalf of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

A professor of physical education and tennis, Mrs. Gilbert has been with Andrew College since 1966. She is sponsor of the college yearbook and also Zeta Delta Pi sorority. She is married to Andrew Athletic Director Jimmy Gilbert. They have a daughter, Sonya Thomas, a kindergarten teacher at Randolph Elementary School, and a son, Edward, now baseball coach and physical education teacher at Randolph/Clay High School.

The Faculty Scholar Award is Phi Theta Kappa's highest honor bestowed upon a faculty member.

Mrs. Gilbert is the daughter of J.B. and Hannie Carter of Philadelphia and attended East Central from 1961 to 1963 along with her husband.

Recent Alumni Happenings

Carol Shackelford was selected Union High School's STAR Teacher for the 1992-93 school year.

The late Tommy Joe Miles was selected Nanih Waiya High School's STAR Teacher for the 1992-93 school year.

Steve Webb, President of the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, has announced the promotion of Randy Cheatham to the position of Vice-President of the bank.

Billy Thames of Newton was honored recently for 25 years of government service. He is currently employed as a rural route carrier for the Post Office in Lake.

David Howell and Paul Chamblee were recently elected vice presidents of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce.

Hugh A. Roland is a recent graduate of the Regent University School of Broadcasting. He received the Master's Degree in Radio and TV Broadcasting.

RECEIVES ART AWARD

Gayle Sharp McCarty, right, of Raymond, art instructor on the Raymond Campus of Hinds Community College and director of the College's Marie Hull Gallery, received two major art awards in April. Above McCarty accepts a plaque from the Mississippi Art Education Association naming her "Outstanding Art Educator of the Year in Higher Education." Dr. Michael Rabalais, a vice president for the college, made the presentation. In addition, McCarty has the prestigious Charlot Pratt Purchase Award in the 1993 Cottonlandia juried exhibit. The $1000 award is one of two presented to top exhibitors in the show. McCarty's winning three dimensional cast paper and clay piece, "Tribute", will be housed in the Cottonlandia permanent collection in Greenwood. McCarty is a 1964 graduate of Union High School and is the daughter of Ethel and L.D. Sharp of Union. McCarty attended East Central in the mid-sixties and is married to former East Central art instructor Michael McCarty.

Dr. Clyde Muse, President of Hinds Community College, recently received the college's prestigious 3-E Award. The award is bestowed annually to an employee who has exhibited an outstanding degree of service to the college.

Clay Barnett of Decatur recently served his social work internship with the Jasper County Department of Human Services. Clay received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work from the University of Mississippi in the spring.

Sam Nowell and Rayburn Waddell were instrumental in having a new welcome sign erected in Philadelphia to honor the Philadelphia Tornadoes as Class 2-A State Champions for 1992-93.

William L. Freeman, Jr. of Newton was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Mississippi Army National Guard.

Joe Morgan is a member of the "up-and-coming" band which bills itself as "Pearl River".

Chris Gilmer has re-joined the staff of the Scott County Times as feature writer.

Kay Cherry recently received a first-place award for her accomplishments in Standard First Aid and CPR. The award was given at the Occupational Students of America Conference which was held in Jackson.

Billy Frank Alford is the newly-elected alderman for Ward Two in Forest.

Wayne Burkes, Central District Highway Commissioner, spoke at the dedication of the project improvement of Highway 15 in Decatur.

Johnny Phillips served as ringmaster when "Secret's Carbon," a horse owned by Robert Thomas, won the Challenge Trophy at the annual Neshoba County Walking and Racing Horse Show.

Mrs. Gary Ann Moore has been designated STAR Teacher at Carthage High School.

Winston County District Five Supervisor Randall Johnson is currently serving on the ten-member Mississippi Association of Supervisors' Education Committee.

The Forest Parent-Teachers Association presented plaques of appreciation to Dr. Gary Gordon and his wife Mrs. Linda Gordon for their years of service to the Forest Public School System. The Gordons have moved to Laurel to enter private business.

Rodney Fulton's FBLA students at Philadelphia High School engage each year in doing community service and tutoring at-risk students.

Thomas Billups coached his Landier basketball team to a state championship. Billups was a member of the EC Warrior football team and played under Coach Ken Pouncey.

Dr. John Harrison was recently appointed to the Board of the Newton Municipal School District.

Burl Johnson will lead the Union Chamber of Commerce for the 1993-94 year. He accepted the gavel from past president Billy Nicholson.

Jana Fanning entertained recently at the Western Country Comedy dinner theatre held at the Newton Depot. Jana sings with country and western bands throughout the South.

Donna Creekmore was a soloist at the Newton Theatre Company dinner theatre recently.

Rodney Fulton of Philadelphia High School was recently named Advisor of the Year by the state's business education teachers at the FBLA Leadership Conference in Jackson.

Hays Posey was named STAR Teacher at Neshoba Central High School for the 1992-93 school year.

James L. "Creeper" Nelson, Superintendent of the Newton Municipal School District was the subject of a lengthy column by Newton Record columnist Nancy Williams. Williams outlined Nelson's many accomplishments in high school, college, and throughout a long career in education.

Larry Miller danced the lead role in "The Phantom of the Opera" which was presented this spring by East Central Mississippi's Classical Ballet Company which is directed by Angela Weems.

Philadelphia native Carol Green has been promoted to consumer lender at Deposit Guaranty Bank of McComb.

Sidney P. Massey has been elected Assistant Vice-President of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Louisville.

Sherry Lynn Suttle and Lisa Robbins Vowell have joined the staff of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Louisville as secretary and teller.

Victor Merritt has been promoted by the Sunburst Bank of Grenada to the position of Vice-President-Accounting. Victor is the son of Reverend and Mrs. Gus Merritt of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur.

Clay Scoggins has been awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for outstanding work with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. Earlier this year, Scoggins was promoted to the rank of Major.

James Dewayne Hamrick of Newton has joined Tarver Program Consultants, Inc. of Meridian.

Steve Moorehead has been named head football coach at Union High School.

Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth opened his office for the practice of general dentistry in Newton on July 12.

Foreign Powe, Mary Ann Wilson, Rose Mary Brown, and Eddie Mae Nickson are all members of the Mahogany Club, an organization devoted to serving community needs in Scott County.

Dr. Frank Bowen of Carthage was recently elected President of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Gary Risher as accepted a position as head football coach at Newton County Academy in Decatur.

Representative Robert J. Moody of Louisville has been chosen Chairman-elect of the Human Resources Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference.

Leigh Ann Perdeye recently won the 1993 Philadelphia Country Club Women's Golf Championship by two strokes.

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Former EC Instructor Praised By Daughter In Winning Essay

(Note: The following essay was submitted by Diana Leatherwood Turner as a part of her application for Mississippi's Teacher of the Year in 1993. Turner was honored by the Mississippi Private School Association as its Teacher of the Year. She attended East Central during the mid-1960s and met her husband, Dr. Jerry Turner, a Starkville dentist, while a student here. The Turners have one son, Lee, a junior in high school. Mrs. Turner teaches the advanced science courses at Starkville Academy, following in the footsteps of her father who taught in the Science Department at East Central for many years. Mr. Leatherwood's widow, Mrs. Nena Leatherwood, still resides in Decatur, across the street from the campus.)

F. E. LEATHERWOOD

The best teacher I ever had was a science teacher who taught at East Central Junior College in Decatur, Mississippi. Mr. F. E. Leatherwood's philosophy of education was summed up in a statement he made to all his classes: "You may hit a stump while aiming at a star, but you'll never hit a star will aiming at a stump." With this beginning Mr. Leatherwood would encourage his students to set high goals and then give them the quality of education and the encouragement necessary to achieve them.

Mr. Leatherwood has served as a role model for me as I developed my teaching techniques. He was always well prepared in his classroom presentations. His enthusiasm for his subject was so contagious that you became interested in learning the course. As he taught, he used demonstrations to give you good visual images of the information he wanted you to learn. Because of a lack of funding, many of the specimens of plants and animals he used were ones that he had collected in graduate courses he had taken or ones collected during many hours of "treasure" hunting on his own time. It was very important to him that students of all ability levels have hands-on experiences in the laboratory. He taught the basic science concepts necessary for a good university background while always finding ways to challenge the upper level students. He taught creative thinking and organization of ideas. It was very important that his students learn the underlying concepts of the course rather isolated bits of information. To give the students the understanding of various plants and animals in their habitat, he loaded his classes on buses and took them on many field trips on country roads. By all these varied teaching methods he encouraged his students to get involved with science and ask questions. He had high expectations of his students, but his caring attitude and encouragement made all of them work hard to earn his praise.

"It was very important that his students learn the underlying concepts of the course rather than isolated bits of information."

Many students who attend community colleges need financial assistance. Mr. Leatherwood would routinely help students find part-time jobs or help them apply for scholarships to help them stay in school. It was not unusual for him to receive letters and phone calls from former students who needed a recommendation for graduate school, medical school, etc. or who needed a friendly mentor to buoy their spirits.

He would mail lab manuals or textbooks to former students who needed resources in later courses. He did not feel his job was done just because they had completed his classes. He was a proud "father" to each student who became a doctor, nurse, or pharmacist that came back to share stories of their success.

Mr. Leatherwood was the pattern I have used for my teaching style and goals. I want to emulate the high quality of instruction that he gave and the success he had in generating excitement in students to learn science. Watching the positive responses of students to Mr. Leatherwood through the years showed me the long term investment a good teacher makes in students. To be a master teacher who made a difference in the lives of students, like my father did, continues to be my primary teaching goal.

Jackson Bank Names Morton Native Vice President-Manager

E. Jack Garner, President and CEO of Sunburst Bank, Jackson has announced that Tommy Smith has joined the bank as Vice President-Manager.

Smith is a native of Morton, and a graduate of Morton High School, East Central Junior College, and the University of Southern Mississippi. Mr. Smith has continued his education by completing the School of Banking of the South at LSU, the Mississippi School of Banking, ABA Compliance School, and the RMA Commercial Lending course. He has served in the Mississippi Army National Guard, receiving an honorable discharge. Active in civic affairs, Smith is a member of the Collins Rotary Club, director and past chairman of the Covington County Heart Association, a 1990 Who's Who in Mississippi Honoree, a 1991 Who's Who of American Business Leader, and a 1981 nominee for Outstanding Young Men of America.

He is married, has two children, and is a member of the Collins United Methodist Church, where he serves as Sunday School teacher and is on the Finance, Outreach, and Building committees.

Alumni Happenings *(Continued from Page 21)*

Jimmy Carr, director of programs and administration at Galloway Methodist Church in Jackson, has just returned from a mission trip to LaJolla, Mexico where he and others helped to build a chapel for the community.

Peggy A. Haralson, daughter of EC Dormitory Supervisor Carolyn Haralson and an EC alumna, was recently promoted to Vice-President for Finance of Connections Plus, Inc., a Mississippi based telecommunications company.

Fred Johnson (class of 1976) and Rhenae Sledge (class of 1985) have received promotions at Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Morton. Johnson, who joined Citizens in 1990, has been named Vice-President, and Sledge, a staff member for five years is now serving as cashier.

Alan Baker, a former EC football player from Dothan, AL, has led his hometown football team to the State Championship during the fall of 1992.

Amy Pouncey of Wesson is an instructor in the Child Care Technical Program at Copiah-Lincoln Community College. She also is sponsor for the cheerleaders and chaperoned them to Tyler, TX to cheer for the Co-Lin girls basketball team as they participated in the National Community College basketball tournament in March, 1993.

Matt Rhodes, a former EC football player from Griffin, GA, is now serving as a graduate assistant for the football program at Cumberland College in Kentucky.

Tom and Brenda (Branning) Carson, Class of '75, announce the birth of a son, Jeremy Alexander, on November 29, 1992. Helping out with "baby duties" are brother Chris, 12 and

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Weddings

Stacie Michelle Adams to Stephen Preston Jones
Deirdre Amis to Charles Thomas Maxie
Lorie Ann Banes to Ernest Lee Sloan
Theresa Ann Basham to Terry Wayne Cooksey
Tanya Dawn Beckham to James Louis Gray, Jr.
Timony Ann Bell to Jeffery Scott Winstead
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Munn Presents Papers At Conference

Sue Evans Munn of Atlanta recently presented two papers at national and state English conferences -- 'Critical Thinking and the Composition Classroom' at the National College English Association Conference in Charlotte and "The Metamorphic and Metonymic Poles: Narrative Techniques in the Fiction of Two Contemporary Writers' at the Contemporary Literature Conference in Atlanta.

She was granted a stipend by the Graduate Student Life Association at Georgia State University for her recent trip to Charlotte. Munn will complete the coursework requirements in June at Georgia State for a Ph.D. in English with a specialization in composition studies and rhetoric.

A graduate of Decatur High School, Munn also attended East Central Junior College, Mississippi State University and Mississippi College. She received a graduate assistantship in 1991 at Georgia State to pursue doctoral studies. She is currently a composition instructor at Georgia State and an adjunct faculty member at Kennesaw State College in Atlanta.

She has also worked in Writing Centers at both schools as a faculty tutor.

Munn is the daughter of Mattie Ruth Evans and the late Bert Evans of Decatur. She and her husband, Henry, a chemical engineer, live near Marietta, Georgia and have one son, Jason.

Both of the Munns attended East Central.

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Enclosed is a contribution for Warrior Club.

Attending ECCC's 1st homecoming was very special, since I graduated in 1957.

I will be taking a job with YMCA of the Ozarks starting around September 1.

I will be assisting with Elderhostel programming and other programs.

Address: D. K. Hopkins
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I have really enjoyed the Warrior this past year, A class alumni publication.

Good luck and God bless, Donny.

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Dear Mr. Johnston:

It was a pleasure to meet and visit with you on my recent visit to East Central Community College.

I want to thank you for the nice write up in *The Warrior* regarding my introduction into the NJCAA Tennis Hall of Fame.

Hope to be able to visit with you and ECCC again in the near future.

Kindest personal regards,
Mel Carpenter
3800 S.W. 4th Avenue
Ocala, FL 32670

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Dear Dr. Smith,

Brenda, Chris and I visited the University of Mississippi early this past summer and I am please to report the Rebel coaching staff has given Chris the opportunity to continue his education and continue playing baseball.

The people in the academic areas at Ole Miss were very complimentary of East Central Community College. Several times, comments were made about Chris' transcript and the fact that he made good grades at one of the best junior colleges in the state; comments like he will be "better prepared" for senior college since he came from East Central. In our business we like to know that we have a good product and that we service our customers well. I am sure that you are the same, and thought you might want to know about the positive image that East Central has at Ole Miss.

I am thankful Chris was given the opportunity by Coach Jamie Clark to play baseball at East Central. Coach Clark is a very hard-working, knowledgeable baseball coach who takes care of his players. Chris would not have the opportunity to play at Ole Miss if it were not for Coach Clark and we will always be grateful to him.

East Central has a special place in my heart because of how Chris was treated during his two years there. If we can ever do anything to help your school or the baseball program at East Central please call me.

Sincerely,
David Vowell

Sullivan Park Can Be A Reality

Students who attended East Central during the tenure of psychology/education instructor Janie Sullivan remember that she maintained the area north of Newsome Hall as a kind of park. Through the years, "Miss Janie's" flower bulbs have disappeared, but the area has remained relatively untouched with tall pines and grass covering the area.

Now, a move is underway to restore the area to the garden status it enjoyed when Miss Janie attended it. Former EC student and now a landscape architect, Dane Morgan has sketched the area with walkways, benches, shrubs, and flowers. A proposed entrance way would commemorate the area as "Sullivan Park."

Any person interested in making a contribution to the project may do so by sending a check to the East Central Development Foundation and marking it for the Sullivan Park Project. Estimated cost of the project is between $8,000 and $10,000.

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Peoples Bank Hires Three

According to E.C. Neely, III, President and Chief Executive Officer to The Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Sidney P. Massey has been elected Assistant Vice President of the bank's Louisville office. Massey will also be serving as Assistant Executive Officer of this office.

A native of Winston county, Massey attended East Central Community College and earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Banking and Finance from Delta State University. He is also a graduate of Mississippi School of Banking at the University of Mississippi.

Massey is a board member of the Winston County Chamber of Commerce where he is currently serving on the Industrial Committee. He is also a board member of the East Central Community Alumni Association and the East Mississippi Farmers Livestock Association. Massey serves as co-chairman for the Physical Infrastructure committee of the Winston County Economic Development Authority and as commissioner for Winston County for the Golden Triangle Solid Waste Management Authority.

Massey and his wife, the former Sonja Sharp, also a native of Winston county, have two children.

Also joining The Peoples Bank Louisville Office are Sherry Lynn Suttle and Lisa Robbins Vowell. Both are natives of Winston County and attended East Central Community College. Suttle, a secretary at Peoples Bank, is a Girl Scout leader and a softball coach. She is married to Rusty Suttle, and they have two children.

Vowell, a teller at The Peoples Bank, is married to Randy Vowell.

Obituaries

GLEN ALLEN MAJURE

Former Newton resident, 51 year old Glen Allen Majure, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Reese Majure, died at his residence in Dallas, Texas on June 9, 1993. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 14. Interment was in the Newton Masonic Cemetery with Reverend Bob Simmons officiating.

Mr. Majure was an attorney with Johnson, Brambery, Briggs Law Firm in Dallas and leaves survivors: three sisters - Linda Smith of Bailey, Rose Adams of Meridian and Ruth Ann Hilderbrand of Jackson, MS; brothers - Charles Reese Majure of Chula Vista, California, Martin Luther Majure and Billy Ray Majure both of Atlanta; and several nieces and nephews.

ROBERT WAYNE CHAPMAN

Robert Wayne Chapman, 48, a retailer, died of cancer at Rush-Newton Hospital.

Services were held at Barham Funeral Home with burial in Newton County Memorial Gardens. Mr. Chapman, a lifelong resident, was a member of First Baptist Church of Newton. He was past president of the Mississippi Men and Boy's Apparel Club.

Survivors include: wife, Patricia; sons, Chris Chapman of Hickory and Chad Chapman and Justin Chapman, both of Newton; mother, Emma Chapman of Newton; and sister, Glenda Files of Houston.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Society of the Gideon.

LEON BURTON

Funeral service for Leon Burton, 67, were held March 23 at 11 a.m. from Noxapater Baptist Church with Reverend Wayne Sanders officiating. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Mr. Burton, a retired school principal, died March 21 at Winston County Community Hospital due to heart failure. He was a member of Noxapater Baptist Church, deacon, Sunday School teacher, Masonic Lodge #536 of Noxapater and a Navy veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife Charyle Sue Burton of Noxapater; one son, Edgar Lee Burton of Sanibel, FL; one sister, Annie Ruth McMullan of River Ridge, La. and one brother, John O. Burton of McComb.

WILLIAM D. McCAIN

Services for William D. McCain, 86, president emeritus of the University of Southern Mississippi, were held September 8, 1993, at First Baptist church in Hattiesburg with burial at Lakewood Memorial Park in Jackson. McCain died of heart failure on September 5.

He was a former instructor at East Central and Copiah-Lincoln community colleges, Millsaps College, University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University Extension Department.

He was a nationally recognized author, lecturer, historian, archivist and genealogist. He published 150 books, pamphlets and articles.

McCain retired June 30, 1975, after serving 20 years as USM president. The graduate library at the university is named in his honor.

His activities and honors included adjutant general emeritus of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, president of the Hattiesburg Chamber of Commerce and the South Missis-

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WEEMS PERFORMS AT OPRYLAND

"Way Out West," a performing group at Opryland in Nashville has as one of its current members Kirk Weems, a native of Newton, MS and a 1993 graudate of East Central. Kirk (fifth from left) drove to Nashville the night of his graduation from East Central and has been performing six days a week, three shows per day since June 5. As a member of the group, Kirk sings, dances, and does gymnastics, all talents he has been developing from an early age. At East Central, he was a member of the cast of "1940s Radio Hour" and was a featured vocalist with the Collegians. Kirk's contract with Opryland runs through October 31. He is currently awaiting word on acceptance for a country/western group which would begin performing in January, and he plans to re-audition in February for a place in a group at Opryland in the summer of 1994.

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sippi Revolution Gold Citizenship Award and, in 1988, the Hub Award. He was inducted into the USM Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

McCain was the widower of Minnie Leicester Lenz McCain.

Survivors include: son, William D. McCain Jr. of College Station, Texas; daughter, Patricia M. Sheppard of Hattiesburg; sisters, Nancy Gladys Christopher and Daisy Reef Beech, both of Cleveland, and Margaret Rachel Riley of Boyle; brother, Walter Woodward McCain and Edward Dunn McCain, both of Cleveland; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the William D. McCain Endowment, University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, Southern Station Box 10026, Hattiesburg, MS 39406, or Gen. William D. McCain Fund of Confederate Veterans, Box 59, Columbia TN 38402.

JOEL W. CHANCELLOR

Funeral services were held September 4 for Joel W. Chancellor, 63, of Carthage. He died of cancer on September 3.

Mr. Chancellor was a retired teacher who had taught for 34 and one-half years in Smith, Lincoln and Leake county schools. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College and had served in the Korean conflict.

He was born in Winston County. Burial was in Midway Cemetery with a service at Trinity Baptist Church. The Reverends Bill Stout, Bobby Waggoner and Jack Nazary officiated.

Survivors include his wife, Patty Chancellor, four sons, Dr. Michael Chancellor of Lake Charles, La., Joey Chancellor of Clinton, Danny Chancellor of Mandeville, La., and Johnny Chancellor of Carthage. Other survivors include a brother W. B. Chancellor of Louisville and a sister, Mary June Sweatt of Birmingham and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were George Hailey, Marvin Armstrong, Truman Moore, John Williams, Dale Rogers and William Kichings.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS SCENE?

The above photo, taken in 1955, shows how the East Central campus looked almost 40 years ago! Notice the position of the football field, the wooden barracks and old Neshoba Hall. Can you identify other campus facilities and structures?

Alumni Happenings

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sister Jennifer, 9.

Todd Rogers (Class of 1981), his wife, Kathy, and son, Adam, recently moved to Carrizo Springs, Texas, where Todd is serving as minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church. He recently completed over five years service in the same position at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Louisiana.

Lester and Eugenia Baucum Carleton (Class of 1957) recently retired from the respective school positions in Wiggins after lengthy years of service. Les, who captained the 1956 Warrior football team, retired in 1992 following 33 years as a school administrator, teacher and coach. Eugenia, a cheerleader during the same period, also retired in 1992 after serving 27 years as home economics instructor and school librarian. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Stan Davis of Louisville was recently promoted loan officer at Sunburst Bank in Louisville. He also serves as Director of Youth Activities for South Louisville Baptist Church.

Mrs. Martha Kate Land Philips (Class of 1943) of Calhoun City recently retired following a lengthy career as extension home economist in Attala and Calhoun counties. Her husband is Thomas Rex Phillips, Jr.

Dr. Sandy Rivers Weeks (Class of 1964) is serving as associate professor of health and physical education and assistant to the vice president of academic affairs at East Texas State University, located in Commerce, Texas.

Sheila Gardner Coan (Class of 1983) and her husband, Randall, celebrated the arrival of a daughter, Lindsey Danielle, born December 18, 1992. Lindsey Danielle was welcomed by her step-sister, Chrystal Nicole.

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Gresham Fortune - South Leake - Mississippi Valley
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Pro Ball

Leon Glenn - Louisville - Stockton, CA (Brewers)
Donald Culberson - Neshoba Central - Hickory, NC (White Sox)
Al Triplett - Louisville - Erie, PA (Rangers)
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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Warrior Club Accepts Challenge to "Build A Better Backstop"

Each year the Warrior Club responds to needs presented by the coaches in the Athletic Department. This year, the defined needs exceed the Warrior Club's ability to fund; therefore, difficult decisions concerning which projects to fund had to be made.

In recent years, the Warrior Club has provided the baseball program with a sound system, an ice machine, a popcorn popper, and a new walkway to the field. In addition, final stages are currently being completed for a much-needed dressing facility for baseball. (This facility is located on the south side of the physical education building and includes a storage area and shower facilities.)

With all the improvements which have been made to the field under Coach Jamie Clark's leadership, the baseball field at East Central is in good condition -- with one notable exception. The backstop for the field has deteriorated to a point at which it is unsafe for fans to sit in the stands to watch a game. A replacement needs to be made before the spring season, and we are asking your help in completing this project. Installation of a new backstop would make our baseball facility comparable to any in the Mississippi Community/Junior College League.

We are asking Coach Jamie Clark's former players and their parents to help us with this project, which is estimated to cost approximately $2,000. The young men who played under Coach Clark have reaped many benefits from having been a part of the program and from being students at East Central. Many of these players received special honors and recognition in areas other than baseball, and a large number have had the opportunity to continue playing at the senior college level. Some have even signed with professional teams and are active at that level.

If you would like to be a part of this project and help continue the baseball tradition which East Central is building, please complete the form below and mail it with your check to the address shown.

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YEARS AT ECCCC _____

PLAYER'S NAME _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS OF DONOR: _____

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*ACTIVITIES SINCE LEAVING EAST CENTRAL: _____

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1993-94 ECCC BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TEAM	PLACE
November 5	Friday	Mississippi Delta	There
November 8	Monday	East Mississippi	There
November 12	Friday	Jones Tournament	There
November 13	Saturday	Jones Tournament	There
November 17	Wednesday	East Miss. Tournament	There
November 18	Thursday	East Miss. Tournament	There
November 20	Saturday	Holmes	Home
November 22	Monday	East Mississippi	Home
November 30	Tuesday	Southwest	Home
December 2	Thursday	Jones	There
December 6	Monday	Co-Lin	There
December 9	Thursday	Gulf Coast	Home
January 7	Friday	ECCC Tourney vs. Delta	Home
January 8	Saturday	ECCC Tourney vs. Itawamba	Home
January 10	Monday	Pearl River	There
January 15	Saturday	Holmes	There
January 18	Tuesday	Hinds	Home
January 20	Thursday	Southwest	There
January 24	Monday	Jones	Home
January 27	Thursday	Co-Lin	Home
January 31	Monday	Gulf Coast	There
February 3	Thursday	Pearl River	Home
February 10	Thursday	Hinds	There
February 14, 15, 16, 17		South Division Tournament	TBA
February 21, 22		State Tournament	TBA
February 29 - March 2, 3		Region 23 Tournament	TBS

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Address _____

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When did you attend East Central?

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LARGE CROWD ATTENDS SEASON OPENER

An overflowing crowd attended East Central's season-opening contest with East Mississippi on September 3. The Warriors have four remaining home games scheduled this year, including Copiah-Lincoln, September 23; Pearl River (Homecoming), October 16; Southwest, October 21; and Northwest, October 28. Kickoff for all home games except homecoming is set for 6:30 p.m. The annual homecoming battle begins at 2:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

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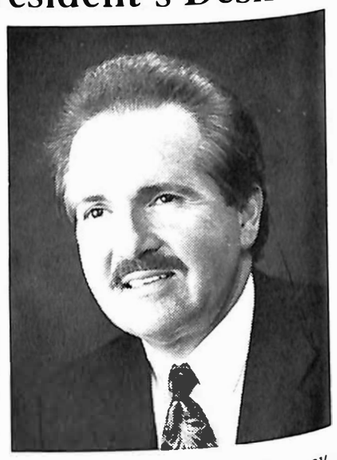
Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On The Cover: Enjoying a recent spring afternoon are sophomores (from left) Matthew Howell of Walnut Grove, Rena Reed of Forest and Carree Tucker of Carthage.

From The President's Desk



The spring semester is rapidly drawing to a close. Students are preparing for final examinations and also for graduation on May 13. Summer will soon be with us and the campus will be somewhat more calm. This Spring, however, has been anything but quiet and has been marked by many continuing accomplishments. Several in particular stand out.

The spring semester of 1994 brought to the College a record enrollment of 1451 students. In a period when enrollment was expected to stabilize, the increase was welcomed. Such growth bespeaks the quality and visibility of our diverse offerings and the dedication of our faculty and professional staff.

Both basketball teams completed their seasons in an outstanding way. The men finished 23-5, won the MACJC South Division Tournament and placed second in State Tournament action. The women finished 28-7, and placed seventh in the nation in the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament in Tyler, Texas. This is the first time the ECCC women have advanced to the nationals, and they did so by defeating Pearl River Community College for the Region 23 championship. The Lady Warriors also finished second in State and South State tournaments. Coach Sammy Pace and Coach Marty Cooper are to be commended for the leadership and coaching ability they exhibited throughout the season. Coach Pace was named MACJC Women's Coach of the Year and NJCAA Region XXIII Women's Coach of the Year. When the Lady Warriors were assured a berth in the national tournament, over $5000 was raised by Warrior Club members, college personnel, Board members, and loyal fans to assist in financing the national tournament participation.

Most recent accomplishments pertain to honors the college received at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention held in Anaheim, Calif., April 7-11, 1994. East Central's Theta Xi Chapter was one of just 25 chapters to be presented in Distinguished Chapter Award. Selection for this honor is based on Chapter projects related to scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service. Also, Dr. Shelby Harris, who serves as chapter advisor along with Mrs. Ann Burkes, was named a Giles Distinguished Advisor. Advisors are chosen for the honor based on their involvement in chapter activities and service to Phi Theta Kappa on the local, regional and international levels. No more than 15 awards are presented each year. Mrs. Burkes is also a former recipient of this prestigious honor. We certainly commend Dr. Harris, Mrs. Burkes and Phi Theta Kappa members for their outstanding achievement.

The health-related programs at East Central warrant particular mention. These programs include Surgical Technology, Licensed Practical Nursing, and the Associate Degree Nursing program. The LPN program has already graduated a class and this class exceeded the minimum state licensure exam passage rate that is required for such programs. Classes in the Associate

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College News

East Central Joins Effort To Improve State's Work Force

For quite some time the state's public community and junior colleges have been considering the matter of work force improvement for Mississippi. It is a known fact that Mississippi has the lowest average household income in the nation; a statistic that will not change unless efforts are made to better prepare the state's work force.

Over a year ago, the Mississippi Community College Foundation established the Millennium Initiative to undertake the needed project of reorganizing and revitalizing work force education and training. Subsequently, the Millennium

"Legislation has been proposed in both the House and the Senate and the proposals are currently working their way through the Legislative committee structure."

Group was formed to address the work force issues. The Millennium Group, which includes representatives from both the public and private sectors, has completed its recommendations and legislation has been proposed for consideration during the 1994 session of the Mississippi Legislature.

Legislation has been proposed in both the House and the Senate and the proposals are currently working their way through the Legislative committee structure. Although the Millennium Group has completed the initial stages of the program, colleges and other groups in the state, such as the Mississippi Public Education Forum - a non-profit organization which promotes education in the state - will be working to encourage implementation of the program. The recommendations of the Millennium Group basically focus on three areas. The first calls for the creation of the Mississippi Workforce Development Council whose primary purposes are to:

(a) Provide a forum for developing the necessary collaboration among state agencies at the highest level for accomplishing the purposes of this act;

(b) Monitor the effectiveness of the career centers and district councils;

(c) Advise the Governor and three branches of education on effective school-to-work transaction policies and programs that link students moving from high school to higher education and students moving between community colleges and four year institutions in pursuit of academic technical skills training;

(d) Support and offer technical assistance toward the development of the Mississippi Tech-Prep initiative;

(e) Work with industry to identify barriers that inhibit the delivery of quality workforce education and that inhibit responsiveness of educational institutions to the needs of industry; and

(f) Provide periodic assessment of the performance of the system of career centers and district councils.

The second goal of the program is to create district work force development councils affiliated with each community college. These district work force councils would identify work force development needs through job and employment assessments of local business and industry, as well as set short-term and long-term goals for industry specific training and upgrading. In addition, the district work force council would assist business / industry management in transitioning to a high-powered quality organization and oversee development of an extensive marketing plan to the employer community.

The third recommendation calls for the development of one-stop career centers to be located on the campus of each of the community and junior colleges in the state. These centers would provide a place where those persons underemployed or unemployed could get proper career counseling, to determine aptitude and to develop short and long term goals. These centers would also provide for a representative of the Mississippi State Employment Service to be located on the campus to help students locate jobs. The career center would be tied in by computer to the job banks in the state and beyond.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central Community College in discussing the Millennium Group recommendations commented, "Businesses and industries in our state are really in a dilemma. The work force hasn't kept up with technological advances. About 85% of all jobs require two years of college and the available workforce doesn't have the qualifications needed." Smith added, "We have a very favorable employment outlook for our area. Unemployment is only about 4-1/2%. Industries need more trained employees than we can provide."

The Millennium Group recommendations would require an investment of approximately fifteen million dollars. It is a joint effort of both the public and private sectors in Mississippi which could prove to be one of the best investments the state could ever make.

Homecoming Set October 15

Alumni, mark your calendar for Saturday, October 15, 1994. That's the day set aside for the college's annual Homecoming celebration!

This year, honorees will include those former students who attended or graduated from all classes ending in "4". In tribute of those classes, this year's theme is "There's More For You in Ninety-Four."

For additional information contact Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 202.

NEW CAD CENTER

A new CAD (Computer Aided Design) Center began operations last fall in the college's Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. The new addition includes 10 "state of the art" personal computers utilized by students enrolled in drafting and design technology. Shown assisting students are instructors Ricky Harrison and Polly Mayes.

College News

Governor Praises Community Colleges

Governor Kirk Fordice has issued a proclamation declaring April as Community / Junior College Month in the State of Mississippi.

The proclamation, also signed by Secretary of State Dick Molpus, reads as follows:

Whereas, the fifteen community and junior college districts of Mississippi, encompassing thirty-three campuses or centers geographically accessible to all Mississippians, offer post-secondary university transfer, in addition to technical, vocational and continuing education programs of study to their 72,071 students; and

Whereas, Mississippi's public community and junior colleges provide industrial start-up training programs and various in-service training programs for business and industry, while serving as the delivery system for over 500 post-secondary vocational-technical education programs; and

Whereas, fifty-three percent of all students in public higher education in Mississippi are enrolled in community and junior colleges which are within commuting distance of their homes; and

Whereas, each of the State's public community and junior colleges holds full regional accreditation with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and are responsive to the local needs of the various districts:

Now, therefore, I, Kirk Fordice, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April, 1994,

PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE MONTH

in Mississippi and encourage our citizens to observe this month with appropriate activities expressing recognition of the significant contributions these institutions make to the strength, vitality and prosperity of Mississippi.

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES CELEBRATE

Governor Kirk Fordice, seated center, has signed a proclamation declaring April as "Public Community and Junior College Month" in Mississippi. The state's community colleges have enrolled over 72,071 students during the 1993-94 year, a total of 53 percent of all students attending public higher education institutions in the state. All public two-year colleges in the nation celebrate April as "National Community College Month." Shown with Fordice are the community and junior college presidents which include, seated, left to right, Dr. Davi Haraway, Northwest Mississippi Community College; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, East Central Community College and president of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges; Fordice; Dr. Barry Mellinger, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; and Dr. Ted Alexander, Pearl River Community College. Standing, left to right, Dr. David Cole, Itawamba Community College; Dr. Tommy Davis, East Mississippi Community College; Dr. Billy Thames, Copiah-Lincoln Community College; Dr. Terrell Tisdale, Jones County Junior College; Dr. Vivian Presley, Coahoma Community College; Dr. Clyde Muse, Hinds Community College; Dr. Bobby Garvin, Mississippi Delta Community College; Dr. Starkey Morgan, Holmes Community College; and Horace Holmes, Southwest Mississippi Community College. Not pictured are Dr. Bill Scaggs, Meridian Community College, and Joe Childers, Northeast Mississippi Community College.

State's Community Colleges Form Communications Network

Mississippi's 15 community colleges have combined efforts to install the state's first totally interactive communications network. The Community College Network, CCN, will link the colleges with each other, the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service at Mississippi State University.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President and Chairman of the Mississippi Community College Foundation, told a news conference in Jackson, "This may be Mississippi's most important educational development. It marks our state as an educational leader and it shows that we are using the marvelous technology of a space age society to make dramatic improvements in Mississippi education. CCN will enable our best teachers to deliver instruction at multiple locations and it will allow Mississippi public schools and colleges to interact with educational institutions anywhere in the world. It will be very practical for our German class to emanate from Berlin and be delivered simultaneously in Scooba, Decatur, Biloxi and a host of other sites."

CCN will have full motion, totally interactive, two way audio and video communications. Each of the 15 community colleges will initially have one interactive classroom equipped with a minimum of three large television monitors and supporting technology. Audio and video signals are digitized and transmitted over existing copper telephone circuits. Mike Miller, of South Central Bell, said, "The technology is so interactive that you can do anything except shake hands over long distances in Mississippi or around the world."

CCN is an extension of the Mississippi Rural Health Corps, an initiative to improve rural health services in Mississippi. Dr. Clyde Muse, Chairman of the Rural Health Committee of the Foundation said, "In my forty years in public education, I have not seen a more important development than this dramatic introduction of technology into teaching and learning. Through our connections with the Extension Service and the Medical Center we will be able to immediately offer advanced degrees at community college locations. We will be able to vastly increase our output of nursing and allied health professionals."

Dr. Hiram Palmertree, Director of Extension, noted that "Extension plans to use CCN to deliver a wide variety of community information and educational services in such areas as farm safety, disease prevention, agricultural technology, and other courses that would otherwise be unavailable in rural areas." He further said, "The partnership between the colleges and Extension is unprecedented in America. It is the kind of combined effort, capitalizing on technology, that Mississippi must have to make real educational and economic progress."

The Rural Health Corps was organized in

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College News

At Age 75, 'Miss Lorene' Sets Goal To Become Teacher

Fifty-nine years ago, Lorene Graham left high school to answer the call of her first love by marrying her husband Dow. Now she is answering the call of her second love, learning.

It was in 1935 when Mrs. Graham, then a junior at Sebastopol High School, decided to quit school and get married.

"My boyfriend (Dow) was six years my senior. He rented a farm with a house on it and asked me to marry him. The only thing I hated about getting married was quitting school, but I loved him too much to say 'no'," she stated.

Mrs. Graham said she has had "not one minute's regret" about getting married so young and "would do the same thing" if she had to do it over again.

"But," she added, "In the back of my mind I have always wanted to finish school."

Mrs. Graham said she had heard about East Central's GED program and decided to enroll when she read an article in The Newton Record.

"After talking to Mr. (Gene) Davis (Director of Adult and Continuing Education), I decided to go to East Central and learn more about the class," she said.

Mrs. Graham said Davis escorted her to the college's PALS Lab, where adult basic education and GED (General Educational Development) classes are held with the use of computers. It was there that she also met her instructor-to-be, Mrs. Carol Vickers.

"Mrs. Vickers really boosted my ego by telling me I could make it. Mr. (Jimmy) Dempsey (testing administrator) also put my fears to rest by being so friendly and helpful," she said.

So in the fall of 1993, "Miss Lorene" as she affectionately became known to her fellow students, enrolled in the GED Prep Class and in less than three months she received her diploma.

Between the two events (dropping out of high school and receiving her diploma), Miss Lorene had reared a family and enjoyed grandchildren and great grandchildren in addition to assisting her husband in his work as a minister.

One of her grandchildren, Tanya, was especially thrilled about Mrs. Graham's return to the classroom:

"She (Tanya) called me almost every day and asked how I was doing. Sometimes I would think I was just too old and couldn't make it. But Tanya always encouraged me and said I could make it as well as anyone."

It hasn't all been easy, however, Miss Lorene tells of some of her roadblocks in an essay she wrote at the end of her GED preparation:

"The first thing I did was take a test to see how far along I was (which proved to be ninth grade level). I was whispering to myself as I tried to come up with the right answers when the teacher came over to my desk and put her finger to her lips and said 'shhh'. My hearing aid had not told me I was whispering loud enough for the other students to hear. When my grandson found

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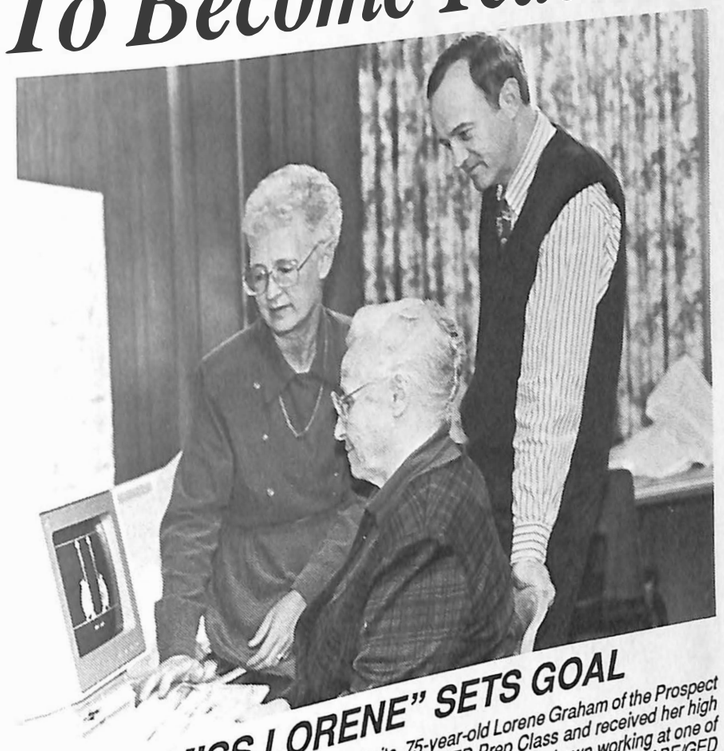

"MISS LORENE" SETS GOAL

Proving that an education has no age limits, 75-year-old Lorene Graham of the Prospect Community successfully completed East Central's GED Prep Class and received her high school equivalency diploma in just three months. Mrs. Graham is shown working at one of 16 computer stations located in the college's PALS Lab while Mrs. Carol Vickers, ABE/GED instructor, and Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, look on. Mrs. Graham is now enrolled at East Central and is pursuing a college degree.

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1992 for the purpose of improving rural health services. It is a joint project of the Mississippi State Department of Health, the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, and the Mississippi Community College Foundation. Most of the funding for the $1.3 million dollar project is being provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Private partners in the bold health care initiative include the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Mississippi Health Care Association, Mississippi Nurses Association, Mississippi Organization for ADN, and the Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center.

According to Dr. F. E. Thompson, Mississippi's Chief State Health Officer, "We must embrace this technology to keep costs down and to provide basic care." He commended Mississippi's community colleges for their leadership in implementing this state-of-the-art communication system.

Senator Pud Graham, Chairman of the Joint Senate and House Committee on Technology, echoed support of the project and lauded the leadership of the community colleges. He said, "Education is vitally important to everyone in the state. We must give our enthusiastic support to efforts such as CCN. The leadership represented by this project is our best hope of making dramatic improvement in education and the quality of life of all Mississippians."

The Rural Health Corps will immediately begin offering nursing and allied health courses over CCN. It is also expected to be used for high school advanced placement courses, a wide variety of Extension Service courses, public and private civic and business conferences, and international agricultural product demonstrations.

Bids for equipment are currently being taken. According to community colleges, CCN will be fully operational in the first quarter of 1994.

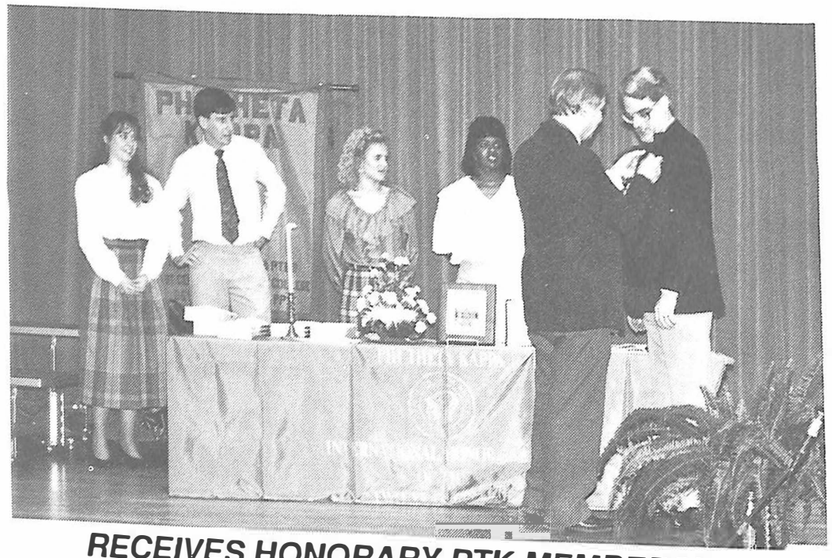
Record ECCC Students Join PTK Honor Society

A record 61 students attending East Central Community College have joined Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college.

Also inducted during the spring semester ceremony was Dean of Instruction Dr. Phil Sutphin who received an honorary membership for his many years of service to the East Central chapter.

Membership in PTK is by invitation only, with freshmen required to have at least a 3.4 grade point average and sophomores, a 3.3 GPA.

Sponsors of the organization are Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes.



RECEIVES HONORARY PTK MEMBERSHIP

Among those tapped for membership in Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was Dean of Instruction Dr. Phil Sutphin who received an honorary membership for his service to the international honor society for two-year colleges. Shown "pinning" Dr. Sutphin is Dr. Shelby Harris who serves as sponsor of the organization along with Mrs. Ann Burkes. Looking on are chapter officers (from left) Cindy Callahan of Forest, Mark Fanning of Hickory, Jessica Myers of Sebastopol and Carla Leflore of Carthage.

New inductees include the following:

LEAKE COUNTY: Lorrie Howell, Dianna Lane, Faith Mathis, Jana Wilkerson, Melissa Jones, Jacqueline Cain, Jeff Risher, Jonathan Spears and Daniel Young, all of Carthage; Pam Ferguson, Jeff Massey, Harvey Holliman and Joey Thrash, all of Walnut Grove; Tim Thompson and Jennifer Shows, both of Lena.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Kandie Poe, Debbie Clark, Amy Kittrell, Maggie Chitto, Loria Dixon, Dan Vance and Phillip Prince, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Becky Luke, Kristen Barnett, Eric Jordan, Kris Rigdon, Shawn Massey, Misty Savell, Amy Service and Stephen Burton, all of Decatur; Christie Butts, Chunky; Hugh Rush, Jenny Killen, Mandy Sessums and Deborah Ridgon, all of Union; Rexanne Chaney and David Alexander, both of Little Rock; Tammie Evans, Mary Thrash and Jack Ryan Weaver, all of Newton; John Ferguson, Chris Bond and Mike Hurst, all of Hickory; and Jason Walker, Leslie Walton and Randall Reeves, all of Lawrence.

SCOTT COUNTY: Mary Warren, Janette Grant and Robin Hendon, all of Forest; Heather Butler, Morton; and Vince Parker, Lake.

WINSTON COUNTY: Molly McCullough, Sharon Blaine, Robin Clark and Sherri Jones, all of Louisville; Julie Joiner, Michele McAdory and Sandra Patridge, all of Noxapater; and Matthew Stephens Smith, Sidon.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT: John Dovovan of Enterprise and Sherri Jones of Meridian.

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out about this, he spread the story around that I almost got a whipping for talking in class!"

Other minor incidents included getting a ticket for illegal parking.

"That was my first ticket, and I started driving during the 1940's," she said. "It turned out, however, that the ticket was a mistake, so I didn't have to pay a fine."

Another time, Miss Lorene locked her keys in the car, a detail she never divulged to her family (until now!).

Miss Lorene said preparing for the GED was so interesting and challenging (and full of unexpected incidents) that the idea began to form that once she received her diploma she might enroll in college. Obviously the desire to learn never left her, as she is now pursuing her dream of being a teacher by taking three courses during the current spring term.

Currently enrolled in English Composition, Speech and Introduction to Computers, Miss Lorene has become an inspiration to other students. Says veteran English instructor Ovid Vickers, "Mrs. Graham is a delight to have in class. She is as bright as any student and is willing to put in the time it takes to do a good job on an assignment. I have no doubt she will finish her degree at East Central."

Whether she graduates or not, Miss Lorene counts herself fortunate to have been able to have her first love (husband, Dow) waiting at home when she returns from seeking after her other love -- learning.

New Scholarships Available for Students

Two new scholarships have been established to assist students attending East Central Community College.

THE HERMAN AND MOSOURA RIGBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP was established in 1993 by Dr. M. G. Rigby who attended East Central in 1965 and 1966.

Dr. Rigby came to East Central as an out-of-state student to major in education. He went on to complete his BA degree at the University of Southern Mississippi and his MS and EdD degrees at the University of Mississippi. His parents were "of great inspiration" to him as he pursued educational goals. It is in his parents' memory that Dr. Rigby established the scholarship, which will be awarded annually to an out-of-state entering freshman who demonstrates both the need for financial assistance and an aptitude for success as a student.

Annual recipients of the scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee from a

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ATTEND ECCC COACHES' CLINIC

Over 30 area coaches and other officials participated in the first annual East Central Community College Football Coaches' Clinic held recently on the Decatur campus. Among those in attendance were coaches from Louisville, Forest, Morton, Carthage, Edinburg, Lake, Neshoba Central and Philadelphia high schools, as well as several students majoring in coaching and sporting administration at the University of Southern Mississippi. Speakers for the day-long event were Lewis Cook, offensive coordinator at Southwest Louisiana University; Jay Brown, defensive line coach at Jacksonville (Alabama) State University; Reese Bridgman, ECCC head football coach; Ken Carter, former ECCC graduate assistant; Lynn Moore, head football coach at Louisville High School; Jack French, head football coach at Forest High School; and Freeman Horton, assistant defensive coach at the University of Mississippi.

➤New Scholarships

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poll of qualified applicants. Additional information can be received by contacting the college.

Another new scholarship, THE LAVERN VOWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP was established in the 1993 by Elizabeth, E. L., and David Vowell to honor the memory of their husband and father, Mr. Lavern Vowell, and to assist a worthy student attending East Central Community College.

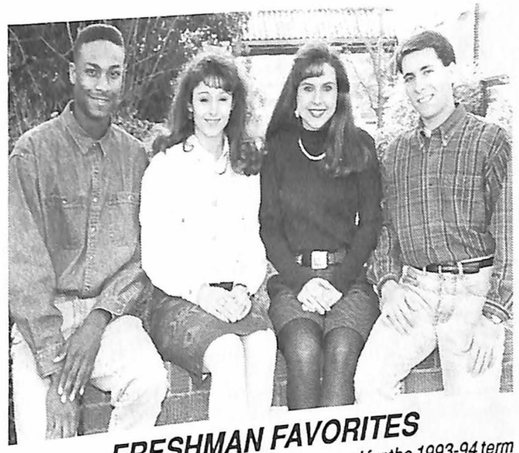
The scholarship which will be awarded each year to an entering freshman, will cover the cost of tuition for two semesters.

Each scholarship recipient must be a major in some field of business administration. Recipients must also have a demonstrated need for financial assistance and should have a demonstrated potential for academic success. Preference will be given to applicants for the scholarship who are or have been employed by Triple V, Inc.

Applicants for the scholarship will be received by the Dean of Students. The college's scholarship committee will be responsible for final selection of each year's recipient.

1994 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	TEAM	WHERE	TIME
Thurs., Sept. 1	Holmes	Home	6:30
Sat., Sept. 10	Co-Lin	Away	7:00
Thurs., Sept. 15	Northwest	Home	6:30
Thurs., Sept. 22	Gulf Coast	Home	7:00
Sat., Oct. 1	Pearl River	Away	6:00
Sat., Oct. 8	Itawamba	Away	2:00
Sat., Oct. 15	Hinds (HC)	Home	6:30
Thurs., Oct. 20	Jones	Home	7:00
Thurs., Oct. 27	Southwest	Away	2:00
Sat., Nov. 5	East Mississippi	Away	



FRESHMAN FAVORITES

Freshman favorites selected at East Central for the 1993-94 term include (from left) Vincent Spencer, Philadelphia; J.J. Moorehead, Union; Dawn Sharp, Philadelphia; and Bobby Ryals, Louisville. Chosen by a vote of the student body, the popular students will also be featured in the WO-HE-LO, the college yearbook.

SOPHOMORE FAVORITES

These students have been named sophomore favorites at East Central for the 1993-94 term. Pictured from left are Amy Pace, Decatur; Brandon Gray, Union; Leigh Ann Perdeye, Philadelphia; Mark Fanning, Hickory; Sara Hollingsworth, Collinsville; and Michael Petyak, Brookhaven. Selected by a vote of the student body, the popular students will also be featured in the WO-HE-LO, the college yearbook.

Mann, Livingston Named Mr. and Miss ECCC

Sophomores Marcus Mann of Carthage and Leigh Ann Livingston of Louisville have been selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College for 1993-94 following Who's Who elections held recently on the Decatur campus.

Mann, a product of South Leake High School in Walnut Grove, led the Warrior basketball team to the 1993 State Championship and a 24-8 overall record. He was named All Region 23, All State and was the only freshman selected second team All American. Mann was also chosen on the All Region 23 Tournament Team.

He served as captain of the 1993-94 squad which won the South Division Tournament and finished the season with a 23-5 record.

Mann is also a member of the Gospel Choir, Warrior Corps, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Fashion Squad, Baptist Student Union and SADD. He has been named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES.

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Record 1451 Students Enrolled at ECCC

A record enrollment has been reported for the 1994 spring semester at East Central Community College, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said 1451 students are enrolled in spring classes, which represents a slight increase from the previous record-setting enrollment mark of 1446 students reported during the 1993 fall term. McMullan added the record total is a 29-student increase as compared to the same period last year.

Included in the record enrollment are 907 full-time students and 544 who attend on a part-time basis. McMullan said 420 students currently attend evening classes offered in Decatur and at various locations throughout the college's five-county district.

The following statistics compare the 1994 and 1993 spring semester enrollments:

STATUS	1994	1993
Academic full-time	611	571
Technical full-time	230	150
Vocational full-time	66	132
TOTAL full-time	907	853
Academic part-time	505	515
Technical part-time	39	54
TOTAL part-time	544	569
TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT	1451	1422

MR. AND MISS ECCC

Marcus Mann and Leigh Ann Livingston were selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College for 1993-94.

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Mann was also selected a freshman class favorite.

A liberal arts major, Mann has a 3.1 grade point average and has been named on the honorable mention honor roll.

He is the son of Annie Gray of Carthage.

Livingston, a graduate of Louisville High School, is a President's and Dean's List scholar majoring in pre-med. She has a 3.741 grade point average.

She was selected a sophomore homecoming maid and served as a football cheerleader.

Livingston holds membership in several organizations, including Fashion Squad, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Mu Alpha Theta, Warrior Corps, Presidents Council and Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. She also participates in intramural sports and has been named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randal Livingston of Louisville.

Other students receiving Who's Who honors include sophomore favorites Amy Pace of Decatur, Brandon Gray of Union, Leigh Ann Perdeye of Philadelphia, Mark Fanning of Hickory, Sara Hollingsworth of Collinsville and Michael Petyak of Brookhaven.

Freshman favorites selected were Dawn Sharp and Vincent Spencer, both of Philadelphia; J. J. Moorehead of Union; and Bobby Ryals of Louisville.

ECCC President Elected To Lead Association

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of East Central Community College, has been chosen president of the Southern Association of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges (SACJTC) for 1994. The organization is affiliated with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) whose members include community and junior colleges located in 11 states and Puerto Rico.

Dr. Smith previously served as vice president before being named to the top position. Other officers selected include vice president Dr. Phail Wynn, president of Durham (North Carolina) Technical College; secretary/treasurer Dr. Ronald J. Horvath, president of Jefferson Community College, Louisville, Kentucky; and editor Dr. Lex D. Walters, president of Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, South Carolina. Mr. M. Rudy Groomes, president of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College in Orangeburg, South Carolina, serves as immediate past president.

The SACJTC organization meets each year in association with the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This year's meeting was held December 14-16 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Smith said SACJTC deals with general issues of concern to community and junior colleges located in the 11-state area. He said the organization also publishes a newsletter which serves as a vehicle for communication among members of the association.

ECCC Announces Football Signees

Described as an "excellent" recruiting class, signees for the 1994 campaign have been announced by ECCC head football coach Reese Bridgman.

Signees and their respective high schools include the following:

Wide receiver Lawon Bounds (5-10, 170) and offensive lineman Jason Hardage (6-1, 260), both of Carthage; defensive back Donald Parhm (5-9, 170), wide receiver Bobby Viverette (6-3, 185) and defensive tackle Dale Wheeler (6-3, 285), all from South Leake; linebacker Stanley Greer (5-9, 235), lineman Gabe Scott (5-10, 295), offensive lineman Allen Tucker (5-10, 275) and defensive backs Dennis Triplett (5-11, 180) and Willie Latimer (5-9, 160), all of Neshoba Central;

Offensive lineman Chris Walker (6-1, 275) and defensive tackle Richard Jackson (6-1, 275), both of Scott Central; defensive back Aaron Griffin (6-0, 170), Edinburg; defensive lineman Charles Jackson (6-1, 265), Newton; quarterback Steven Crotwell (6-0, 180), fullback Alonzo Hargrove (6-1, 210), tight end Marcus McDougal (6-3, 215) and running back Jeremiah Davis (6-0, 195), all from Morton; punter Lee Wylie (5-10, 155) and kicker Peyton

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College News

ADN Program Instructors Announced At East Central

The selection of four instructors for the new Associate Degree Nursing Program being offered at East Central Community College in Decatur has been announced by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Those chosen to teach in the new academic area of study are psychiatric nurse instructor Mrs. Helen Sharp of Meridian, pediatric nurse instructor Mrs. B. Charlone Foster of Louisville, medical/surgical instructor Ms. Cynthia M. Gaudin of New Orleans, Louisiana; and OB/GYN instructor Dr. Barbara Ann House of Brandon.

With the selection of the four instructors, East Central is "right on schedule" concerning plans to offer the ADN Program beginning in the 1994 fall semester, according to Dean of Instruction Dr. Phil Sutphin.

Dr. Sutphin said the college has been "working diligently" with area hospitals the past several years in an effort to establish an RN program at East Central. Now that the selection process has been completed concerning instructors, everyone is "eagerly anticipating" classes beginning in the fall.

East Central earlier named Mrs. Nancy Harris of Philadelphia as ADN Program Director and she has been responsible for selecting the nursing instructors, said Dr. Sutphin.

Mrs. Harris, who began her search for instructors soon after beginning her employment last August, said she is "very pleased" with the instructors chosen to begin the new program.

"We are very fortunate to have selected individuals with the experience and knowledge to serve as instructors and who have the desire to help East Central succeed in beginning such an important and much needed course of study," Mrs. Harris said.

Mrs. Sharp has extensive service as a nurse and instructor, having previously served as a supervisor for Laird Home Health and head nurse for Riley Memorial Hospital, both located in Meridian. She is also a former instructor at Matty Hersee School of Nursing in Meridian and at Meridian Junior College where she taught for the ADN and LPN programs.

She holds a master's degree in psychiatric nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi where she also earned her bachelor's degrees in nursing. She received an associate degree in nursing from Meridian Junior College.

Before joining the East Central faculty, Mrs. Foster served as a family nurse practitioner for East Mississippi Health Care, Inc., clinics in Sebastopol and Walnut Grove. She previously served in the same capacity at Choctaw Health Center in Philadelphia where she earlier was a supervisory clinical nurse.

Mrs. Foster has a master's degree in family nurse practitioning from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mississippi University for Women. In addition, she holds a master's degree in counseling from Mississippi State University and a bachelor of science degree from California State University.

Ms. Gaudin comes to East Central from Birmingham (Alabama) Care Systems where she served as nurse clinician.

Her experience also includes extensive service at various hospitals and health agencies located in New Orleans.

She served as nurses' house call-team leader at Medicare Certified Home Health Agency; director of nursing and clinical services at Curaflex Infusion Services; home health RN at Pendleton Memorial Hospital; director of clinical services at Oshsner Home Health services; patient education resource coordinator at Alton Oshsner Medical Foundation; and staff nurse at Charity Hospital.

Ms. Gaudin is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Nursing where she received a master's of science degree. She is also a certified registered nurse with the Intravenous Nurses Certification Corporation. She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from the Louisiana State University Medical School of Nursing in New Orleans.

Dr. House previously resided in Los Angeles, California, where she was employed as a registered nurse at Queen of Angels Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center and earlier served at Speciality Care Nursing Service Agency. She is a former permanent part-time registered nurse at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and staff/charge nurse at University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. House also has extensive service as a nursing program instructor.

She served as a clinical and CPR instructor and later was Medical Assistant Program director at Southern Technical College in Jackson; assistant professor at Delta State University; instructor at Holmes Junior College; and assistant professor at Mississippi University for Women.

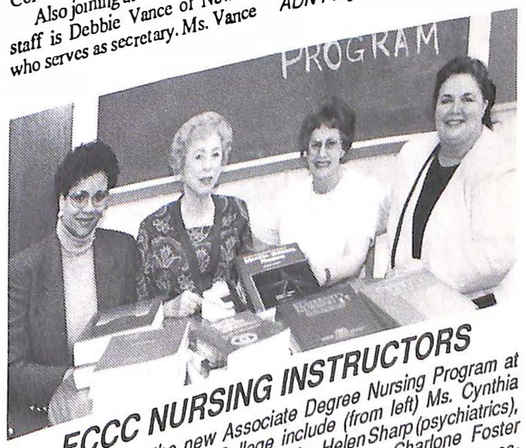
Dr. House holds a Ph.D. in higher education and a master's degree in maternal infant nursing, both from the University of Mississippi. She received a bachelor degree in nursing from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

Also joining the nursing program staff is Debbie Vance of Newton who serves as secretary. Ms. Vance was previously employed at Cook Library located on the University of Southern Mississippi campus. She holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from USM, and a secretarial certificate from East Central Community College. She is a graduate of Newton High School.

For additional information concerning East Central's Associate Degree Nursing Program contact Mrs. Nancy Harris, Director, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 240.

SECRETARY

Debbie Vance of Newton who serves as secretary for the new ADN Program at East Central.



ECCC NURSING INSTRUCTORS

Instructors for the new Associate Degree Nursing Program at East Central Community College include (from left) Ms. Cynthia Gaudin (medical/surgical instructor), Mrs. Helen Sharp (psychiatrics), Dr. Barbara Ann House (OB/GYN), and Mrs. Charlone Foster (pediatrics). Classes are scheduled to begin in the 1994 fall semester.

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Weems (5-9, 150), both of Louisville; offensive guard/defensive tackle Leroy Harper (6-3, 270), running back Derrel Reed (5-10, 180) and strong safety Jerry Wells (5-10, 190), all of Forest; free safety Jamie Sunile (6-1, 185), Noxapater; lineman Arabia Bradford (6-3, 285), Tallahassee, Florida; quarterback Bobby Breen (6-0, 190), West Monroe, Louisiana; and guard Nepo Scott (6-3, 275), Demopolis, Alabama.

ECCC Selects HEADWAE Honorees

Biology instructor Ron Davis and sophomore Cindy Callahan of Forest have been named East Central Community College's outstanding HEADWAE faculty member and student, respectively, for the 1993-94 term. The two honorees were recognized along with other representatives of the state's public and private colleges and universities at a special luncheon hosted by the Mississippi Legislature on February 8, 1994, in Jackson.

The annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence) program was initiated in 1988 to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution by the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

In addition to luncheon activities, a booklet will also be published featuring photographs and biographical sketches of each honoree.

Davis has served seven years on the ECCC staff. He was named 1992-93 Academic Instructor of the Year and was previously tapped for Lamplighter Program honors which also recog-

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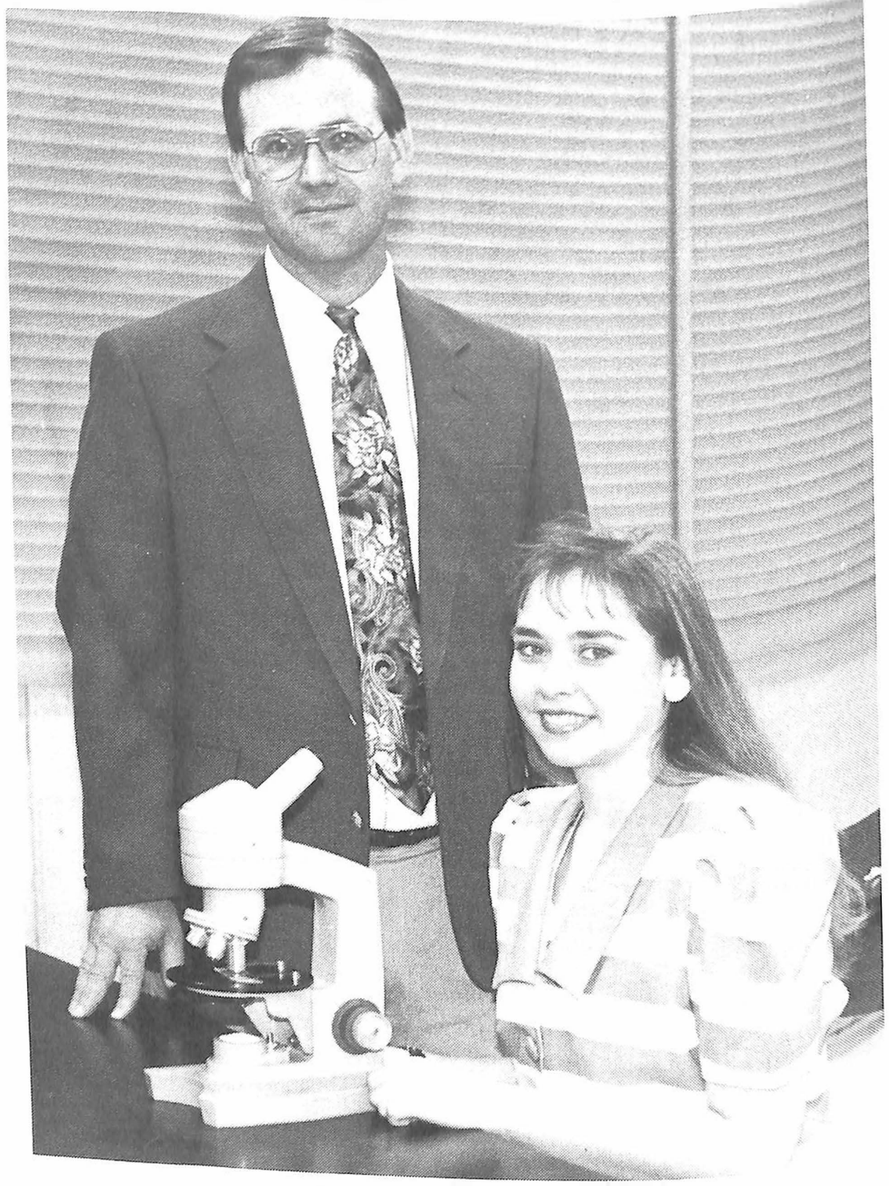


HEADWAE HONOREES

Selected as HEADWAE honorees at East Central Community College for 1993-94 are biology instructor Ron Davis and sophomore Cindy Callahan of Forest. They were recognized along with other outstanding teachers and students from the state's public and private colleges and universities during luncheon activities hosted by the Mississippi Legislature on February 8, 1994, in Jackson.

Harris Selected ADN Director At ECCC

Mrs. Nancy H. Harris of Philadelphia has been named director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.

Mrs. Harris, who began her new duties in September, previously served as an ICU/CCU staff nurse at F.G. Riley Memorial Hospital in Meridian and was a contract nurse at Prime Care Nursing, Inc., in Greenville. She is also a former director of nursing at the Choctaw Health Center of Philadelphia. In all, she has over 18 years experience in the nursing field.

She attended Philadelphia High School and Meridian Community College where she received an associate degree in nursing. In addition, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi School of Nursing in Hattiesburg and University of Mississippi School of Nursing in Jackson, respectively.

She is married to Johnie Harris who is employed at U.S. Motors in Philadelphia. They have two daughters, Theresa (Terri) Thomas, a registered nurse in Mobile, and Lenita (Needie) Moore, a medical transcriptionist in Atlanta.

Mrs. Harris is the daughter of the late Thomas ("Tom Boy") E. Hiett and Bonita Hiett of Philadelphia.

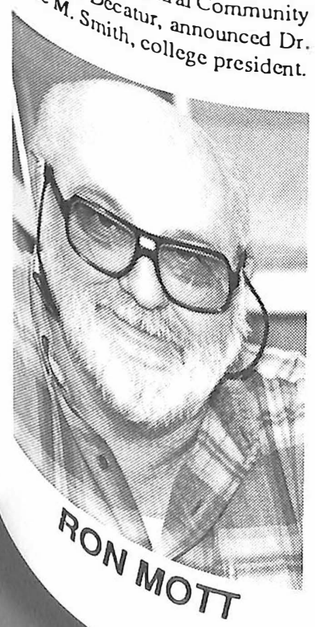
MRS. NANCY H. HARRIS

RECEIVE PTK HONORS

Receiving special commendation during Phi Theta Kappa's Regional (MS-LA) Convention were East Central Community College sophomore Sharon Eldridge (left) of DeKalb who was selected to the order of the Golden Key, and math instructor Dr. Shelby Harris, chosen Distinguished Advisor. Eldridge, a secondary education major, is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. East Central's Theta Xi chapter was also awarded Five Star designation, the highest award a chapter can receive. Also serving as Theta Xi advisor is head librarian Mrs. Ann Burkes, a previous recipient of the Outstanding Advisor award. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society of the two-year college. The organization held its annual convention on the Biloxi campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Mott Joins ECCC Faculty

Ron Mott of Decatur has been named electronics technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president.



RON MOTT

Mott, who began his new duties on November 15, 1993, was previously employed with SYSCON Corporation in Washington, D.C., as a senior field engineer assigned to Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula.

The Philadelphia native is also a Navy veteran, having served 20 years before retiring in 1977. His duties included teaching electricity/electronics and hydraulics to electrician mates for 18 years.

He is a graduate of Philadelphia High School and Meridian Community College where he received two associate applied science degrees: one in electronics technology, and the other in heating, air conditioning and refrigeration.

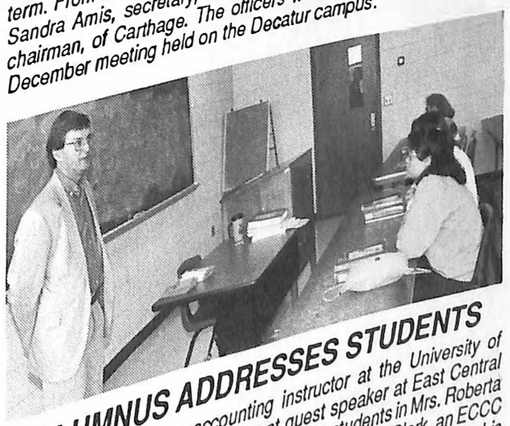
He is married to the former Betty Sessions of Union and they have two sons: Mike, of Starkville, and John, who lives in Decatur. The Motts also have three grandchildren.

NEW ECCC TRUSTEE

Mrs. Janie Wilbanks (center) of Carthage has been named to the East Central Community College Board of Trustees, filling the unexpired term of the late Joel Chancellor. Pictured with Mrs. Wilbanks is Board Chairman V.C. Manning of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Mrs. Wilbanks teaches special education at South Leake High School. Her appointment was announced by the Leake County Board of Supervisors.

LEAD ECCC TRUSTEES

These members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees have been selected as officers for the upcoming two-year term. From left are V.C. Manning, chairman, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Sandra Amis, secretary, of Conehatta; and Jerry K. Moore, vice chairman, of Carthage. The officers were chosen at the trustees' December meeting held on the Decatur campus.



ALUMNUS ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Dr. Stan Clark, an accounting instructor at the University of Southern Mississippi, was a recent guest speaker at East Central Community College and is shown talking to students in Mrs. Roberta Holt's accounting class on the Decatur campus. Dr. Clark, an ECCC alumnus, has been a faculty member at USM since receiving his Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Kentucky in 1991. He was named USM Business Department Faculty Member of the Year for the 1992-93 term. In addition to his classroom and recruiting duties, Dr. Clark has also had several articles published in The National Public Accountant, The Ohio CPA Journal, and The CPA Journal. He recently conducted a seminar for the Beta Alpha Psi School of Professional Accountancy on the USM campus. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark of Decatur.

College News

Elderhostel Program Set July 31-August 6

Come experience the fun as local historians and folklorists examine the history, myths, legends, tall tales and folklore of this fascinating region during the East Central Community College sponsored Elderhostel program scheduled July 31 - August 6, 1994.

Field trips will include the Choctaw Indian Reservation, a 19th Century Opera House, pioneer grist mill and the Neshoba County Fair, an internationally known folk festival and political showplace where hostelers will sample authentic southern hospitality and food as guests in one of the 650 family cabins. Special emphasis will also be given to the intriguing traditions and colorful history of the Choctaw Indians whose reservation is located near the campus.

Instructors for the program include Dr. Richard Ethridge, Mrs. Carol Vickers, and Mr. Ovid Vickers. Mrs. Alice Pouncey serves as tour guide and hostess.

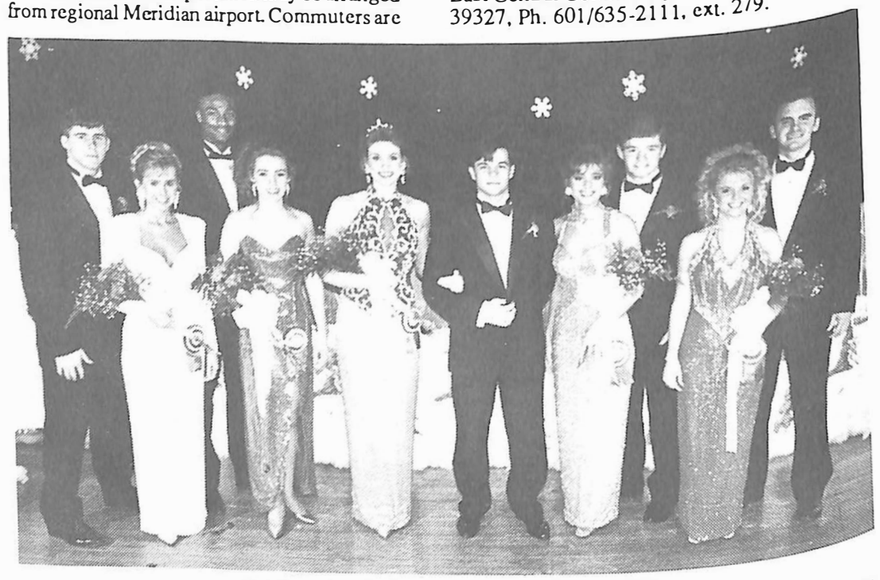
Elderhostel is an educational adventure for older adults looking for something different. Individuals 60 years of age and older are eligible. The accompanying spouse or companion of an age-eligible participant must be at least 50 years of age.

The program begins on Sunday afternoon, July 31 and ends Saturday, August 6, after breakfast.

Cafeteria and classrooms are ground level for easy access. Modern first/second floor single or double-occupancy rooms are available and feature adjoining private baths. All facilities are air conditioned. Transportation may be arranged from regional Meridian airport. Commuters are welcomed to attend also.

Program charge is $290 which includes room and board, transportation, etc.

For more information contact Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 601/635-2111, ext. 279.



ECCC BEAUTIES, BEAUS

Beauties and beaus selected at East Central for 1993-94 include (front row, from left) Kristy Breland, Lawrence; Leigh Ann Livingston, Louisville; Kristen Barnett (Most Beautiful), Decatur; Michael Petyak (Most Handsome), Brookhaven; Breck Fulkerson and Amberly Bounds, both of Newton; and (back row, from left) Michael Hammack, Brusly, LA; Vincent Spencer, Philadelphia; Brandon Gray, Union; and Craig Wolf, Forest. English instructor Ovid Vickers served as master of ceremonies. Special entertainment was provided by the Dean's Heartbeats and sophomore vocalist Mandi Bates of Philadelphia.

ECCC MOST BEAUTIFUL

Selected Most Beautiful at East Central for 1993-94 is freshman Kristen Barnett of Decatur, shown being crowed by College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith during the annual pageant activities. At right is sophomore Michael Petyak of Brookhaven who was chosen Most Handsome by a vote of the student body. Barnett, a liberal arts major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Barnett of Decatur. Petyak is a business administration major. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Petyak of Brookhaven.

DESIGNS WARRIOR

Freshman Chris Kemp of Louisville is shown completing his design of the Warrior Chief emblem which is currently on display in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Kemp, a liberal arts major, has won various honors for his many creative works of art. He received a full art scholarship to attend East Central.

College News

Lady Warriors, Warriors Post Championship Seasons

It was a banner year for basketball at East Central Community College as the Lady Warriors and Warriors posted championship campaigns during 1993-94.

The Lady Warriors concluded the season with a 28-7 record following their successful participation in the National Junior College Tournament held March 21-26 in Tyler, Texas.

In their first-ever appearance in the nationals, East Central won the Consolation Championship after defeating Independence (Kansas) 71-62 on March 26. By winning the Consolation title, the Lady Warriors also finished seventh in the nation under head coach Sammy Pace who was selected Outstanding Women's Coach from Region 23.

East Central advanced to the finals after defeating Truett-McConnell (Georgia) 85-84 on Jamala Odom's winning field goal, and Casper (Wyoming) by a 68-58 margin. The Lady Warriors earlier fell 78-71 to Central Arizona which placed them in the Consolation bracket and no chance for a national title.

The Lady Warriors' participation in the National Tournament was set up by their 66-62 upset of Pearl River for the Region 23 championship, which includes teams from Mississippi and Louisiana.

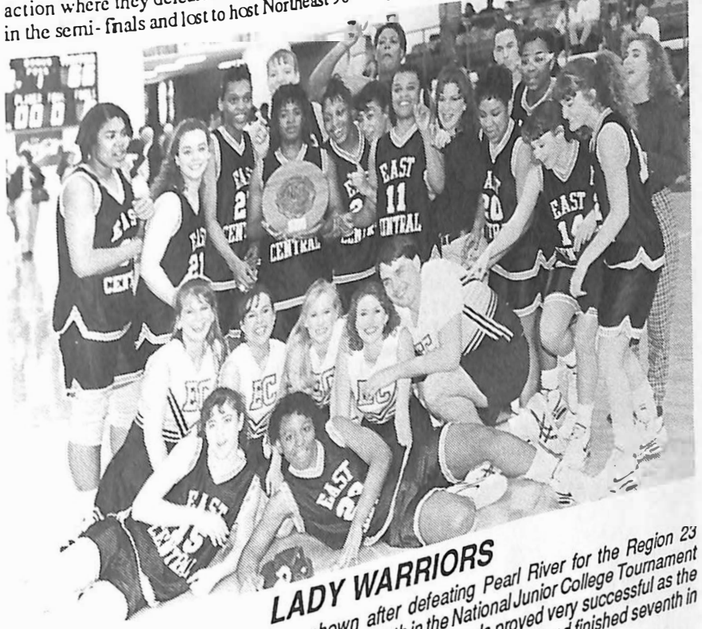
East Central's victory over Pearl River was especially sweet for Coach Pace who went 0-4 against Polly Kirkland's Lady Wildcats prior to the regional matchup. The Lady Warriors lost to Pearl River in the finals of the State and South Division tournaments and fell twice in regular season competition.

The Warriors, coached by Marty Cooper, also had a successful campaign and ended play with a 23-5 mark.

East Central, the defending state champions, won the South Division Tournament by clipping Pearl River 70-67 during finals at the week-long competition held at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit.

The Warriors advanced to state tournament action where they defeated Northwest 103-101 in the semi-finals and lost to host Northeast 90-79 in the finals. East Central later completed the season by dropping a 70-68 decision to Gulf Coast in first-round play in the Region 23 Tournament.

Both ECCC teams finished with a combined 51-12 record, best of all state community and junior college squads.



LADY WARRIORS

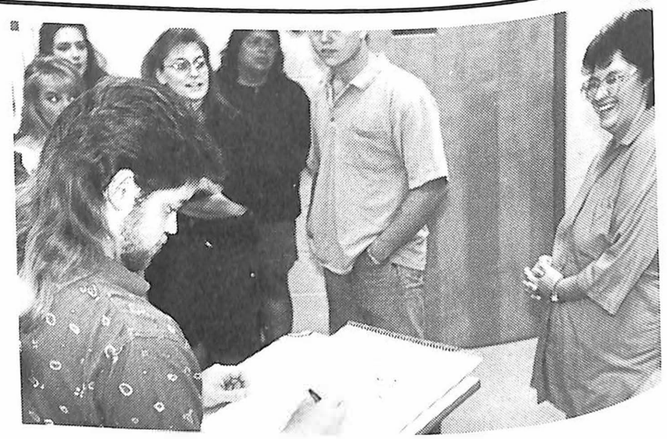
East Central's Lady Warriors, shown after defeating Pearl River for the Region 23 Championship at Mississippi College and a berth in the National Junior College Tournament in Tyler, Texas. East Central's first-ever trip to the nationals proved very successful as the Sammy Pace - coached squad won the Consolation Championship and finished seventh in the nation with a 28-7 record.

ECCC WARRIORS

The ECCC men won the MACJC South Division Tournament by defeating Pearl River during finals held at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit. Coach Marty Cooper's squad, shown following the trophy presentation, later finished state tournament runners-up and advanced to Region 23 competition before ending the season with a 23-5 mark.

A CHAMPIONSHIP SQUAD!

Above are members of East Central's women's basketball team who won the 1994 Consolation Championship in the National Junior College Tournament and finished the season ranked seventh in the nationl The Lady Warriors, who posted a 28-7 record, advanced to their first ever appearance in the Nationals by defeating Pearl River for the Region 23 Tournament title. Seated from left are Maria Riley, Carthage; Sara Hollingsworth, Collinsville; Carla Leflore, Carthage; Memory Hunter, Philadelphia; Evelyn Nelson, Jamala Odom and Rena Reed, all of Forest; Kitty Thrash, Sebastopol; and (standing from left) David Alexander, trainer, Little Rock; Amy Pace, trainer/statistician, Decatur; J. J. Moorehead, Union; Wilma Cooksey, Lake; LaDonna Robinson, Forest; Dane Vance, Philadelphia; Monica Davis, Banks, Arkansas; Nikki Ross, Carthage; Cyntia Ellis, Hickory; Genia Griffin, Morton; and Coach Sammy Pace.



TALENTED ARTIST!

East Central alumnus Andy Childress of Louisville (Class of '89) was a recent surprise guest during one of Bruce Guraedy's art appreciation classes and is shown demonstrating the art of caricaturing with freshman Martha Littrell of Forest serving as a model. Childress, described by Guraedy as one of the most talented students to complete his program, is employed as a radio announcer and practicing artist. He is also a member of the Red Hills Art Association.

Another Look At 1993...

Record spring and fall enrollments, a state championship for the men's basketball team, pinning ceremonies for the college's first LPN graduates, new offerings in the academic and technical areas, and the selection of student and college personnel for various honors were among 1993 highlights at East Central Community College in Decatur.

At the beginning of the 1993 spring semester, a record 1422 students registered for day and evening classes, only to have that record mark surpassed in the fall term with 1446 students.

An interesting statistic reported in the fall enrollment figure was that 509 students were age 23 or older. And even more interesting - especially to males - there was a 4 to 3 ration of female to male students.

For the first time in 40 years, a state title was won by the Warrior basketball team. It was not an easy victory for Marty Cooper's Warriors, who rallied from an 18-2 deficit to claim an 87-85 overtime win over Gulf Coast on the Perkinston campus. East Central finished the 1992-93 campaign with a 24-8 record and had the only freshman - Marcus Mann of South Leake High School - to be named second team All-American. Mann was also selected All Region 23, All-State and was chosen to the All Region 23 Tournament Team.

The Lady Warriors, coached by Sammy Pace, finished with a 14-12 mark and were led by freshman All-Stater Rena Reed of Forest.

Also experiencing their first championship season were members of Joe Clark's golf team who won the Central Mississippi Invitational held at Mississippi State University. The ECCC linksters - who came within a few strokes of claiming several other tournaments - were led by freshman Scott May of Forest who was selected honorable mention All American, All Region 23 and All-State.

The Warrior baseball team, led by Jamie Clark, posted another 29-win season, equalling the previous year's record setting campaign. Players named to the All-State squad included pitcher/outfielder Shannon Cooley of Hickory and shortstop Daniel Landry of Plaquemine, Louisiana.

While the Diamond Warriors were on their way to another record-setting season, the Diamond "Lady" Warriors were setting their own marks on the softball field. During their first season of intercollegiate competition, coach Mike Anderson led his "volunteer" squad to eight victories. Receiving post-season recognition was freshman Migkha McDonald of Newton, an All-State selection. (Scholarships were awarded for 1993-94 and a new field constructed for competition this spring.)

Although the 1993 Warrior football season fell short of expectations, head coach Reese Bridgman had several players who registered outstanding performances.

Punter Jason Cain of Chunky attracted the most attention as he led the nation throughout the '93 campaign with a 42.5-yard average. Cain, a graduate of Newton County High School, was named second team All-American, first team J.C. Gridwire All-American, All Region 23, and first team All-State for the second straight year. He is now attending Louisiana Tech where he signed a football scholarship at mid-year.

Also receiving first team All-State honors was wide receiver David Martin of Crawley, Louisiana. Martin and Cain also represented East Central in the annual All Star Classic along with quarterback Todd Vowell of Louisville, free safety Dale Rushing of Forest and defensive tackle Lloyd Jones of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Jones was named the South squad's most valuable defensive player.

Pinning ceremonies were held in August for the first graduates of the college's Licensed Practical Nursing program. Twenty-five students successfully completed the one-year course of study. On hand to officially "pin" the new graduates were instructors Sandra Thomas and Cherry Todd. Also recognized during the special program was former instructor Kathy Evans who was also instrumental in the program's success.

The college continued its commitment to provide additional health-related programs of study by offering surgical technology beginning with the fall term. Serving as instructor for the one-year course is Janice Jacobs.

East Central also received approval to continue planning the Associate Degree Nursing program to begin with the 1994 fall term. Nancy Harris was selected as program director, and was later successful in selecting four nurses with master's degrees to teach in the two-year course of study.

Besides the new health-related programs of study, changes were also made in the college's vocational-technical curriculum.

Four programs previously offered in the vocational area are now classified as technical courses. Those programs include automotive technology, automotive body repair technology, electrical technology and heating and air conditioning technology. In all, the college offers a total of 12 technical areas of study, with the additional programs including business and office technology, child development technology, computer technology, drafting and design technology, electricity/electronics - related engineering cluster, metal fabrication technology and machine shop technology.

Vocational programs offered include carpentry and cabinetmaking, cosmetology and the aforementioned licensed practical nursing.

Another addition in the vo-tech complex (officially known as the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center), include the Computer Aided Design (CAD) Center, where 10 personal computers featuring the latest in technology are utilized by students enrolled in drafting and design technology. With the addition of the CAD Center, students are now better trained to meet the ever-demanding challenge of the drafting and design field.

Several honors were received by ECCC students during the year, with the most significant recognition given to 1993 graduates Stacey Smith of Decatur and Chris Vowell of Philadelphia.

Smith, a first baseman/outfielder on the Lady Warrior softball team, graduated with a 3.956 grade point average and was selected an NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American. Vowell, a standout pitcher/first baseman for the Diamond Warriors, earned a 3.712 GPA and was named to the NJCAA Academic All-American Team. The former ECCC student athletes were featured in JUCO REVIEW, the association's national publication.

Four ECCC students were chosen National

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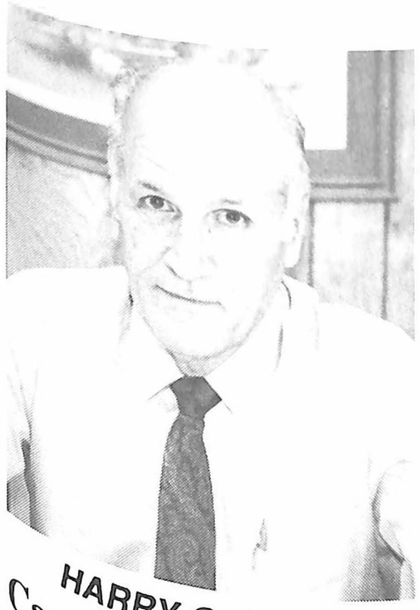

HARRY CARTER
Carter Retiring As Vo-Tech Director

A 36-year career in public education is nearing an end for ECCC alumnus Harry Carter (Class of '57) of Philadelphia who is retiring in June as director of the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College.

Carter has served as the only director of the vo-tech center, which was established in 1983. He previously taught industrial arts, mechanical drawing and diversified occupations at Philadelphia High School where he was employed for almost 22 years. He began his career in education at Cleveland High School where he taught industrial arts from 1959-1961. In addition, Carter is a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the electrical division from 1951-55.

He is a graduate of Noxapater High School, ECCC and Mississippi State University, where he received master's and bachelor's degrees in industrial arts.

He is married to the former Ruth Richie of Philadelphia. They have a son, Jeff, who serves as Human Resource director of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

Homecoming 1993

MOST 'ECCC' FAMILY MEMBERS

Recognized during Homecoming luncheon activities as the family with the most members present who attended East Central was the Clinton Russell family (from left) Lynn (Russell) Hayes, Decatur; Sherry (McMullan) and Randy Russell, Jackson; Barbara (Russell) Shock, Camdenton, Missouri; and Barbara Jo and Clinton Russell, Decatur.

ECCC ALUMNI OFFICERS

Selected to lead the East Central Community College Alumni Association during 1994 are Mrs. Patsy Clark of Louisville, president, and David Howell of Carthage, vice president. Not pictured is Dan Harrison of Newton, secretary/treasurer. The new slate was elected at the annual alumni awards luncheon held during the college's Homecoming observance.

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Collegiate Engineering Award winners who include Robert Morris of Forest, Alan Williamson of Philadelphia, Derrick Tucker of Decatur and Clemario Jenkins of Lake.

Students receiving first place honors in the annual State VICA Contest were Chris Spears of Decatur, automotive body and fender repair; Jimmy Parker of Noxapater, cabinetmaking; and Jamie Terrell of Union, electricity.

Those inducted into the college's Hall of Fame, the highest award a student can receive, were Jennifer Anderson and Brandi Parkes, both of Decatur; Kim Goss of Conehatta, Rochelle Sessums of Morton, Justin Fisher of Union and Chris Croff of Louisville. Parkes was also named EC's HEADWAE Student of the Year and was recognized by the Mississippi Legislature along with psychology teacher Mrs. Alice Pouncey, HEADWAE instructor.

Other instructors receiving honors included Lucille Wood, health and physical education; Judy Carroll, speech and theater; Lester Miles, heating and air conditioning technology; and Ron Davis, biological science, who were honored along with other outstanding community junior college teachers at the annual Lamplighters Program.

Also honored was math instructor Dr. Shelby Harris who was named Distinguished Advisor by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. Dr. Harris serves as advisor of East Central's Theta XI chapter along with head librarian Mrs. Ann Burkes, a previous recipient of the Distinguished Advisor award. The EC chapter was awarded Five Star designation, the highest award a chapter can receive.

Phi Theta Kappa also honored ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith by presenting him with the Bennett Award of Distinction, the organization's lifetime achievement award. The honor was bestowed upon Dr. Smith "for outstanding contribution toward promoting the goal of PTK through support of the East Central chapter (Theta XI) and PTK as a whole!" Dr. Smith currently serves Phi Theta Kappa as a Presidential Ambassador for the Mississippi-Louisiana Region and was appointed to the Campaign Steering Committee to help plan the development of a new International Headquarters to be located in Jackson.

Most recently, Dr. Smith was elected President of the Southern Association of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges (SACJTC) for 1994. The organization is affiliated with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) which members include community and junior colleges located in 11 states and Puerto Rico.

Other 1993 highlights:

*Construction of a new baseball/visiting team dressing room added to the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

*Renovation of the Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

*Twenty-four hour security now provided.

*Pizza Hut installed in Sullivan Student Center.

*New air conditioning system installed in Jackson Hall.

*Huff Auditorium Refurbishing Project nears completion.

*Cable television and telephone service available in dormitory rooms.

*Renovation underway at Leake Hall.

*Restoration at Sullivan Park underway.

*ECCC Players presented "Oliver!" as their spring musical and "Blithe Spirit" was the fall dinner theater presentation.

*Selected Mr. and Miss ECCC were Kevin Clark and Jennifer Anderson, both of Decatur.

*Lori Rogers of Walnut Grove was selected Most Beautiful and Todd Vowell of Louisville was chosen Most Handsome.

*Named to All-State Choir were Cindy Callahan and John Stansbury, both of Forest; Kelly Keeton of Morton and Maria Leach of Sebastopol.

*Homecoming honorees were Melvin Tingle of Decatur, Alumnus of the Year; Patsy Dunigan Clark, of Louisville, Alumna of the Year; Lucille Wood, Academic Instructor of the Year; Sara Griffin, Vocational-Technology Instructor of the Year; and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Esther Coleman of Louisville, Barbara Russell of Decatur and retired Col. Louis V. Watwood of Arlington, Virginia.

*Leigh Ann Perdeye of Philadelphia was crowned Homecoming Queen. Maid of Honor was Rena Reed of Forest. Sophomore maids were Amy Pace of Decatur, Cherie Pope of Lena and Leigh Ann Livingston of Louisville. Freshman maids were Ronda Jones of Forest, and Dawn Sharp and Leigh Ann Hatcher, both of Philadelphia.

HOMECOMING COURT

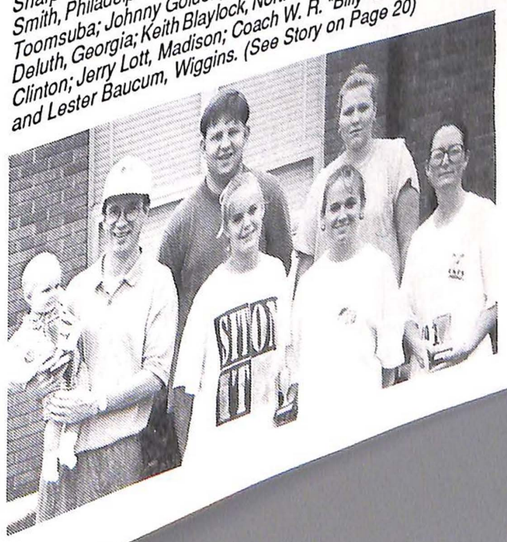
Pictured at left are members of the 1993 East Central Community College Homecoming Court who were presented during halftime ceremonies of the ECCC-Pearl River football game held Saturday, October 16. Seated from left are freshman maids Dawn Sharp and Leigh Ann Hatcher, both of Philadelphia, and Ronda Jones, Forest; Queen Leigh Ann Perdeye, Philadelphia; Maid of Honor Rena Reed, Forest; and sophomore maids Leigh Ann Livingston, Louisville; Cherie Pope, Lena; and Amy Pace, Decatur. Standing from left are escorts Michael Petyak, Brookhaven; Will McLeod, Louisville; Michael Hammack, Brusly, Louisiana; Jason Callahan and Marcus Mann, both of Carthage; Mark Crowson, Noxapater; Brandon Gray, Union; and Scotty Dumas, Chatom, Alabama.

FORMER WARRIORS HOLD REUNION

Although their athletic careers ended almost 40 years ago, these members of the 1954 and 1955 East Central Community College football squads appeared "pumped up" and ready to play one more time for their alma mater as the group gathered during Homecoming activities held October 16, 1993, on the Decatur campus. For many of the former gridiron performers, the special reunion marked the first time most had seen each other since graduation. Pictured are (first row, from left) Ike Presley, Rolling Fork; Pat Mundy, Jackson; Glenn "Bip" Miles, Crystal Springs; Tony Cannon, Ft. Myers, Florida; Larry Tuggle, Alexander City, Alabama; Charlie Ward, Pace, Florida; Marcus Gordon, Union; Thurman "Wormey" Alley, Brandon; James Crosby, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Wister Allen, High Point, North Carolina; (second row, from left) Gerald Herrington, Meridian; Bryant Johnson, Kingman, Arizona; Bo Davis, Gary, Indiana; Bill Martin, Lucedale; cheerleaders Lois Turner Smith of Decatur and Bobbie Jones Marshall of Clinton and formerly of Forest; Coach Dudley Miller, Fulton; Coach Clayton Blount, Decatur; and Johnny Mack Bogan, Newton; and (third row, from left) Charlie Hope, Sharpesburg, Georgia; Mike Presley, Grand Bay, Alabama; Robert Everett, Smith, Philadelphia; Phillip Metts, Decatur, Alabama; Clinton Toomsuba; Johnny Golden, Stone Mountain, Georgia; Jerry Sims, Deluth, Georgia; Keith Blaylock, North Port, Alabama; Earl Marshall, Clinton; Jerry Lott, Madison; Coach W. R. "Billy" Lindsley, Newton; and Lester Baucum, Wiggins. (See Story on Page 20)

TOP WALKERS

Pictured at right are top finishers from their respective age divisions in the second annual Two-Mile Walk held as part of East Central's Homecoming activities. Winners include (first row, from left) Rebecca Glaze of Decatur (held by father Tim Glaze) who captured the age 16 and under division; Suzanne Stack of Union, first place and Laura Robinson of Philadelphia second (17-29); Frances Graham of Decatur, first (30-39); and (back row, from left) Harold McAdory of Philadelphia, second (17-29); and Brandi Kay Smith of Little Rock, second (30-39). Graham was the overall winner with a time of 26.52. Not pictured are division winners Carol and Ovid Vickers of Decatur.



ECCC HOMECOMING HONOREES

The above alumni of East Central Community College received various honors during Homecoming activities held October 16, 1993. Seated from left are Melvin Tingle of Decatur, Alumnus of the Year; Patsy Clark of Louisville, Alumna of the Year; Sara Griffin, Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor; Lucille Wood, Outstanding Academic Instructor; and (standing from left) Barbara Russell of Decatur, Esther Coleman of Louisville and retired Air Force Colonel Louis Watwood of Arlington, Virginia, who were inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame.

CLASS OF '83 REPRESENTATIVES

Representing 1983 East Central graduates during Homecoming activities were from (left) Vicki Haralson of Forest and Laura Reeves Thorne of Decatur.

OBSERVE 50th CLASS REUNION

These 1943 East Central graduates observed their 50th class reunion during Homecoming activities held last fall. Pictured are (seated from left) Molly Freeny Morris of Clinton and formerly of Forest; Frances Idom Cooper, Gautier; Marie Williamson Davis, Grenada; Hancel Thorne, Hickory; Coy H. Watkins and Joe W. Chamblee, both of Carthage; and (standing from left) Lois Pennington, Decatur; A. F. Hollingsworth, Lake; Charlie Arlin Carter, Madison; Connie Joiner Stone, Kosciusko; Mary Lou Tripp Morris, Port Charlotte, Florida; Martha K. Land Phillips, Calhoun City; Earl Webb, Forest; and Robert Coghlan, Aberdeen.

FORMER LADY WARRIORS MEET

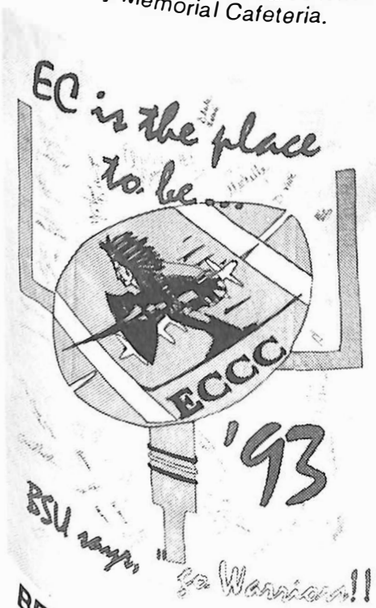
It was obviously a joyous occasion for former Coach Clayton Blount of Decatur and these members of the 1953-54 women's basketball team at East Central Community College who returned to their alma mater for Homecoming activites on Saturday, October 16, 1993. Pictured with Coach Blount are former Lady Warriors (from left) Madeline McKay Strahan of Meridian, Nita Castle Hull of Chunky, Loretta Fox May of Philadelphia, Barbara Russell of Decatur, and Shirley Jones Brown of Covington, Louisiana. Coach Blount led the Lady Warriors to a second place finish in the state tournament.

REPRESENTS CLASS OF '73

Michael Barham Galloway of Monroe, Louisiana, represented the East Central Class of 1973 during Homecoming activities held last fall. She also participated in the 1973 musical production of "Hello, Dolly!"

1933 ECCC GRADUATE

Lorene Wall of Newton, a 1933 graduate of East Central, was the sole representative from her class during the college's Homecoming celebration held Saturday, October 16 on the Decatur campus. Mrs. Wall was also recognized as the oldest graduate in attendance at the alumni awards luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.



BEST HOMECOMING SIGN

Winning first place honors in the annual Homecoming sign competition at East Central were members of the Baptist Student Union whose entry is shown above. Placing second was the Native American Club and Warrior Corps finished third.

OBSERVE 30th CLASS REUNION

These 1963 East Central graduates observed their 30th class reunion during Homecoming activities last fall. Pictured are (seated from left) Ellen Johnson, Forest; Earline N. Mitchell, Morton; Pat S. Ross, Pelahatchie; Betty Vance, Newton; and Ann Burkes, Decatur. Standing from left are Bob Tom Johnson, Forest; James Vance, Newton; and Doyle McMullan and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, both of Decatur.

OBSERVE 40th CLASS REUNION

These 1953 East Central graduates observed their 40th class reunion during Homecoming activities held last fall. Pictured are (seated from left) Eddie R. Loper Weber, Claremont, Georgia; Nita Castle Hull, Chunky; Madeline McKay Strahan, Meridian; Patsy Denson Kirby, Newton; Clera Hollingsworth Hughes, New Orleans, Louisiana; and (standing from left) Barbara Russell, Decatur; Loretta Fox May, Philadelphia; Durward Vance, Newton; and Dale McPhail, Carthage.

TOP FINISHERS IN ANNUAL RACE

Winning top honors in their respective age divisions following competition in the second annual East Central Community College 5K Run were (from left) Mike Boucher of Meridian, 1st place (17-29 age group, male division); Emmy George of Philadelphia, 2nd (17-29, female division); Alex George, also of Philadelphia, 2nd (17-29); Leonard Fick of Columbus, formerly of Decatur, 1st (30-39); John Massey of Meridian, 2nd (30-39); Billy Thompson of Little Rock, 1st (40-49); and Bob Glenn of Meridian, 1st (50-59). Boucher was also the overall winner with a time of 22.59. The race was held as part of Homecoming activities on the EC campus.

Homecoming News

Former Warriors, Cheerleaders Reunited After Forty Years

Homecoming is obviously a special time for former classmates and friends who attended East Central, and last year's celebration was certainly just that!

However, for members of East Central's 1954 and 1955 football teams, their reunion activities turned into more than just a brief meeting. It was a weekend filled with "old war stories," reminiscences about fun times and reflections of days gone by from a memorable time in the lives of all involved.

No doubt the person most responsible for contacting former teammates was Earl Marshall of Clinton who began the tedious task of locating names and addresses several months prior to the Homecoming celebration.

Marshall, a Philadelphia native, played offensive and defensive end both years at East Central and was a first team All-State selection on the 1955 squad along with quarterback Charlie Hope, now of Sharpesburg, Georgia, and halfback Johnny Golden who resides in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Marshall said the reunion "was certainly a memorable occasion for me and one that I will cherish for the rest of my life."

"I have great memories of my experiences as a student and football player while at East Central. Those one and a half years were some of the happiest times in my life. I'm grateful for the life-long friendships of my coaches and teammates and really enjoyed spending the weekend with them. I hope we can get together again in a year or two," he said.

Marshall added his time as a student athlete at East Central became even more special due to the fact he met his future wife - the former Bobbie Jones of Forest - who was a member of the football cheerleading squad. Bobbie also attended the reunion activities along with other former squad members Eugenia Carleton Baucum of Wiggins (whose husband Lester was also a member of the football team being honored) and Lois Turner Smith of Decatur.

Bobbie and Eugenia, along with fellow cheerleaders Jobyna Scales Rushing and Etoile Brown, were all from Forest and all married East Central football players. Jobyna married John Rushing, also from Forest, and Etoile married Charley Brown of College Park, Georgia. Etoile and Charley not only dated as students at East Central but also got married on campus! The couple exchanged wedding vows following the annual "May Day" celebration in 1956. (By the way, all four couples are still together - another "plus" for ECCC relationships!)

Eugenia described their reunion as a "great event."

"It (the reunion) was much anticipated and certainly lived up to all expectations. Everything was just wonderful...so many people came back which made the day very special. I would like to commend the East Central staff for making us all feel welcome and comfortable. The day could not have been any better," Eugenia said.

Billy Ray Lindsley of Newton, head coach of the 1954 squad, said he really enjoyed Homecoming and reuniting with such a special group. "There were some great athletes on those teams and several went on to play senior college ball," he said.

Among those who continued their athletic careers were Earl Marshall and Bill Martin, to Southern Mississippi; Charlie Hope, Clemson; Boe Davis, Florida State; Johnny Golden, Mississippi State; and Lester Baucum, Charlie Ward, Charley Brown and Wistar Allen, all to Louisiana College.

Allen, a former standout guard now living in High Point, North Carolina, said the reunion marked the first time he had returned to campus since graduation and added he was "very glad" to see everyone. He said his only regret was that he had not kept in touch with his former teammates.

"It looked like everyone turned out well and it was a great thrill to renew old friendships, especially getting together with Coach Blount, Coach Miller and all the others. I really enjoyed exchanging old war stories. The campus also looked great," Allen said.

Allen, along with Marshall and several other former Warriors, have maintained their ties to the college by making various contributions to the Warrior Club, an organization founded by Marshall in support of the college's athletic program. Allen recently donated mirrors for use in the weight-lifting room located in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Other members of the 1954 and 1955 football teams making recent donations include Larry Tuggle of Alexander City, Alabama, who provided shirts for golf and tennis team members. Marshall has made numerous donations to the Warrior Club and recently helped lead efforts to fund the women's basketball team's successful participation in the National JUCO Tournament in Tyler, Texas.

Former All-State quarterback Charlie Hope said coming back to the campus brought about "many good feelings" about "very good relationships."

"I certainly enjoyed seeing Coach Blount, who will always have a special place in my heart. All the guys were great to work with and it was heart-warming to be back on campus. East

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ECCC GOLF TOURNEY PARTICIPANTS

Participants in the annual East Central Community College Alumni Golf Tournament, held at Decatur Country Club as part of the college's Homecoming celebration, included (kneeling from left) Scott May, Forest; Ryan Henry, Union; David Rives, Newton; Chris Clark, Decatur; Joel Nelson, Newton; and (standing from left) Yancey Mason, Philadelphia; Joe Clark, Decatur; Bryant Johnston, Carthage; Lamar Adams, Meridian; Carl Hollingsworth, Decatur; and Don Walters, Newton. Winners in the nine-hole event were Mason, who carded a 45 to capture the women's division, and Nelson who shot a 33, two-under par, to claim the men's championship.

Homecoming News

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Central played an important part in my life, and all of us agreed that if we could have attended East Central for four years we certainly would have," Hope said.

The Georgia resident also commented about the many campus renovations and added he was impressed with all the various improvements. He remarked some of his former teammates had also undergone changes, as "some former backs look like linemen and some linemen now look like backs!"

Hope recalled the coaches and players had a "good rapport" with students and received a lot of support from the student body and faculty. He also remembers how tough those pre-season workouts were during August.

"I must admit that those two-a-day practice sessions in 90-plus degrees almost sent me back home to Atlanta. But it didn't take long to realize that East Central was my home," Hope said.

Clayton Blount of Decatur, who served as an assistant to Coach Lindsley in 1954 and was head coach of the 1955 team, said he "thoroughly enjoyed" the Homecoming festivities, especially the time spent visiting with so many of his former players.

"This group of players was probably the finest bunch I have ever been associated with. I think almost everyone of them graduated from senior college and I recall thinking to myself how successful they have all become," Blount remarked.

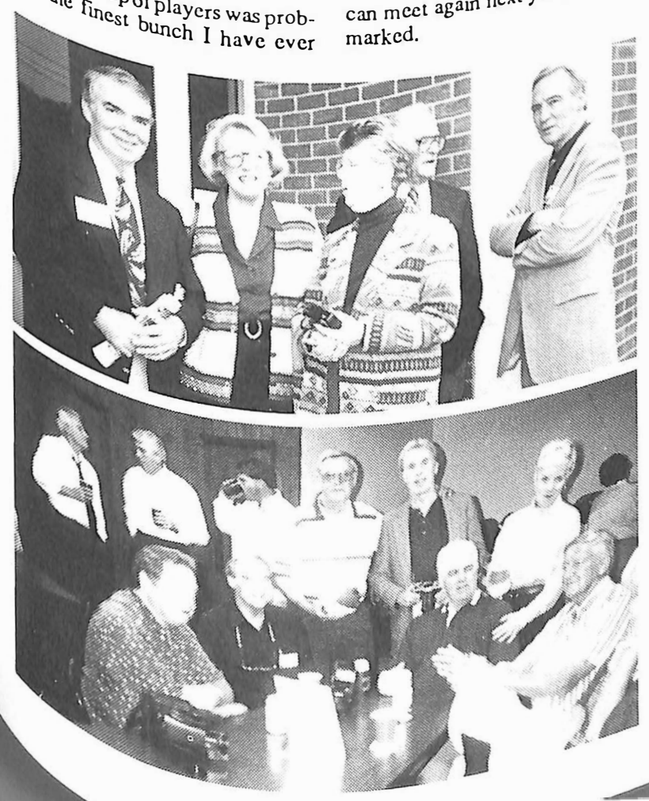
He added they were also "a better football team" than their record indicated.

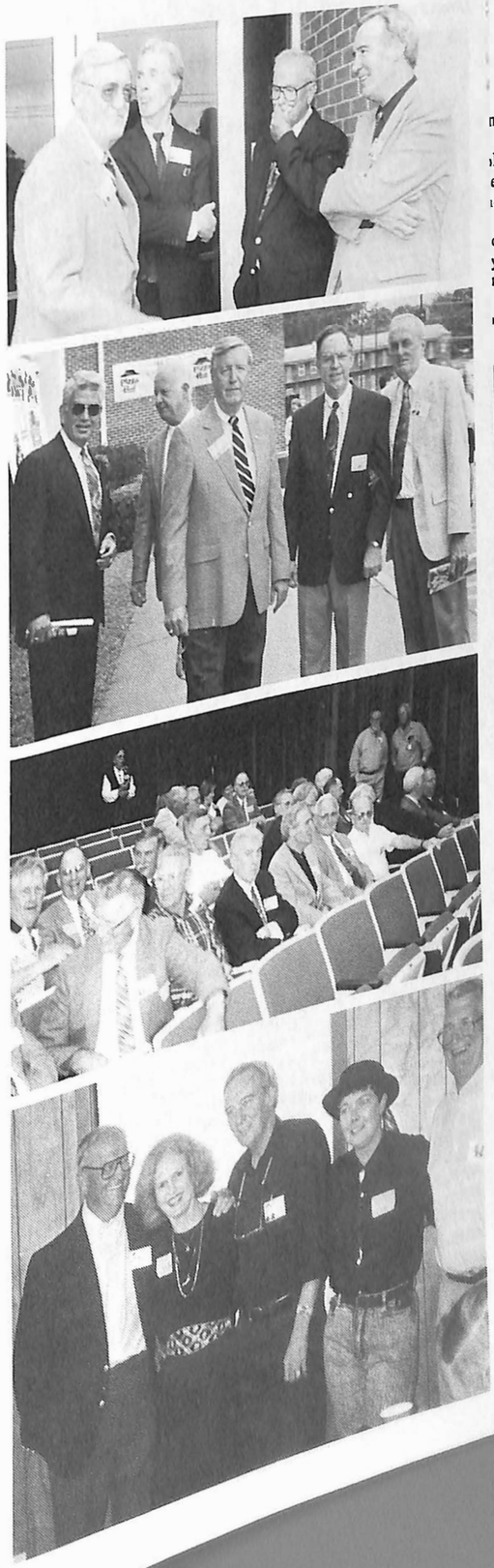
"We lost three games by a total of seven points; they should have won them all and probably would have if the had had a better coach! It was a real thrill to see them all," Blount remarked.

Many of the former Warrior football players arrived in Decatur the day prior to Homecoming and remained throughout the weekend. Following activities held on campus, the group later gathered at Decatur Country Club where a steak supper was served with assistance from Sheriff James Hanna and Mayor Bobby Addy. During this time, former Warriors now deceased were also remembered and included Howell Cates of Forest, William "Duck" Banks of Philadelphia and Edwin Davis of Morton.

When the weekend reunion finally came to a close that Sunday, Many former teammates were overheard saying to each other they should get together again real soon - and not wait another 40 years.

"Let's stay in touch. Maybe we can meet again next year," one remarked.





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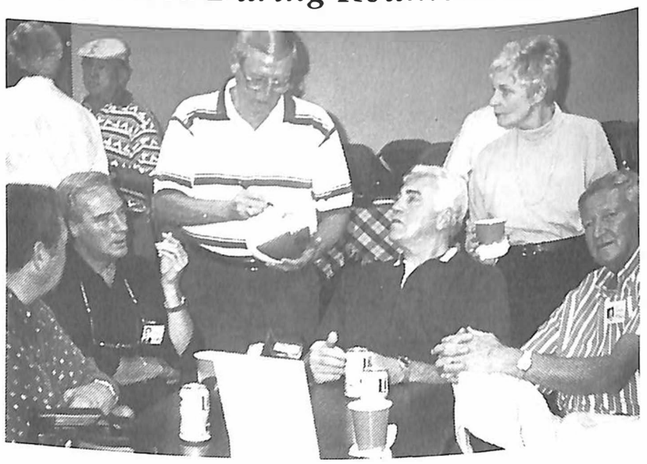

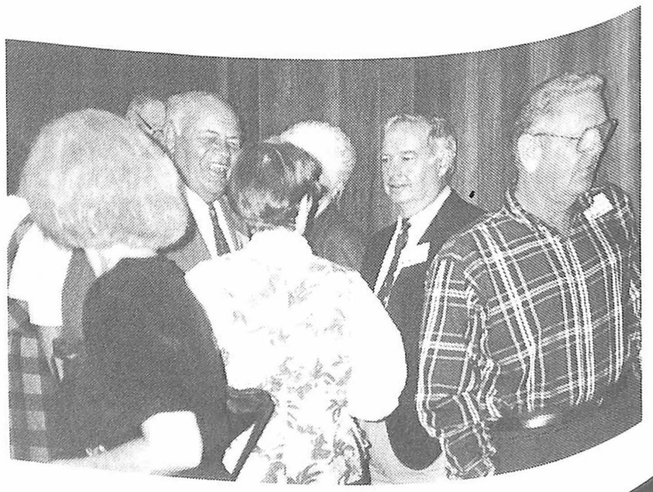

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nizes outstanding instructors from the state's community and junior colleges. He formerly taught at Northwest Junior High School where he also received "Teacher of the Year" recognition.

The Decatur resident is a member of the East Central Community College Faculty Association and the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community/Junior Colleges. He also coaches in the Dixie Youth Baseball League. A graduate of Decatur High School and East Central Community College, Davis received a bachelor's of science degree in biology from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree in education/science from Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Patti Jeffcoat of Forkville and they have a son, Matt, 11.

Callahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Callahan, Jr. of Fores' is an honor graduate of Scott Central High School where she was valedictorian and STAR Student. She was also selected an All-American Scholar and was named to the National Dean's List.

At ECCC, the sophomore math major is a President's List scholar and serves as president of the concert choir, vice president of the Ac'cents (vocal ensemble), Student Education Association and President's Council; and reporter for Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college.

Callahan plans to pursue a degree in secondary math education at Mississippi State University.

Alumni News

Several Alumni Named To Key Leadership Roles

If one of the objectives of a community college is to train individuals to fill positions of responsibility, then East Central Community College has been successful in accomplishing that objective. In addition to successful professional careers, many East Central graduates now hold appointed or elected positions in national, regional, state, and local organizations or serve on committees which function as a part of organizations to which they belong.

Traditionally, members of community college faculties have also made an effort to participate in and accept leadership positions in service and civic or job-related organizations.

At present East Central graduates and East Central faculty members are serving in the following capacities:

Paul Breazeale is Chairman of the State Board of Community and Junior Colleges.

Ms. Nell Allen Rogers is Vice-Chairman of the State Board of Community and Junior Colleges.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith is President of the Southern Association of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges. Dr. Smith also serves as President of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and is Chairman of the Board of the Mississippi Community College Foundation.

Raymond McMullan is Vice-President of the Mississippi Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Gene Davis is a member of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Association of Adult and Continuing Education.

Dr. Hilda Edwards McGee is Chairperson of the University of Southern Mississippi Arts 2000 Campaign and Vice-President of the USM Foundation Board.

Dr. Shelby Harris was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Mississippi/Louisiana Section of the Mathematics Association of America.

Lucille Wood is in her second term as Region XXIII Director for the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Dr. Phil Sutphin is President of the Decatur Lions Club, Treasurer of Newton County Habitat for Humanity, on the Executive Committee of the Academic Deans' Association, and a member of the EdNet Advisory Committee.

Coach Reese Bridgman is a member of the National Coaches Council and was selected to attend the National Summit on Coaching Certification.

Coach Bridgman's wife, Kelly, who serves as EC cheerleader sponsor, is a member of the Governor's Committee on Fitness.

Mrs. Lois McMullan has been selected to attend the Kellog Foundation / Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Institute for 1994 at Airlie, Virginia.

At the end of the 1993-94 basketball season, Coach Sammy Pace, who is also Region XXIII Coach of the Year, was selected to coach the Mississippi Community / Junior College South All Star Team.

Dr. McGee Fondly Recalls East Central Faculty; Activities

Dr. Hilda Jane Edwards McGee of Hattiesburg recently converted her 12 year successful obstetrician-gynecology practice to office gynecology only. Dr. McGee's practice as a member of Hattiesburg Women's Clinic had included delivery of babies, performing GYN related surgery, and providing primary care for women and adolescents. Dr. McGee's reasons for restricting her practice are Katie, 11; Kristin, 9; and her surgeon husband George Edward McGee. By restricting her practice, McGee said, "This will allow me precious time with my daughters."

DR. McGEE

Hilda Edwards McGee, a 1971 ECCC graduate from Conehatta, is remembered by faculty members as a quiet, conscientious, and dedicated student. Hilda remembers that biology teacher George Mason had a storehouse of "profound quotes about responsibility." Two of the quotes that she fondly recalls are "You pays your money and you takes your choice; and when you play, you pay." Hilda evidently followed Mr. Mason's advice with her wise choices and her dedicated work habits which have followed her into her successful medical practice.

Dr. McGee recalls the small room where the commuter students would congregate between classes. She also remembers that she became a member of the ECCC band because she made a B in P.E. The move to the band evidently tapped her talents, for today she plays clarinet in the Temple Baptist Church orchestra and in the Hattiesburg City Band. Her music ability comes as no surprise since she is also the niece of ECCC's own talented music instructor, Mrs. Marian Thornton.

As to her speaking and leadership skills, Hilda remembers the time in her speech class when she thought that instructor Bruce Peterson would split his sides when she did her demonstration speech on how to make country sausage - stuffed! Now she puts those speech and leadership skills together in her medical affiliations and with the USM Foundation which she serves as vice-president / president-elect.

In what spare time she manages, Dr. McGee not only enjoys watching her daughters grow-

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Former Warrior Has Standout Season At LU

Little Rock's Willie McClelland earned his second football letter at Livingston University and posted some of the school's top offensive numbers in the Tigers' recently completed 1993 season.

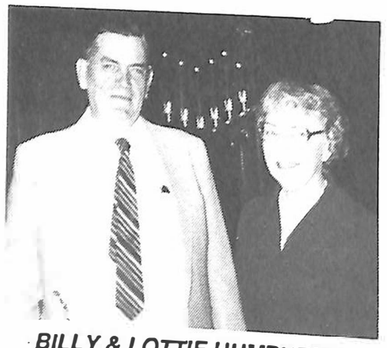
McClelland, who prepped at Beulah Hubbard High School and later starred at East Central Community College, was second on the team in scoring, fourth in rushing, second in receiving, and first in kickoff and punt returns for the Tigers.

McClelland scored eight touchdowns, all on pass receptions, and added three two-point conversions following touchdowns. He compiled 730 yards in kickoff returns, with his longest effort totalling 68 yards. He also returned 14 punts.

Although Livingston finished with a 2-7-1 record, McClelland helped the Tigers establish school records in total offense and passing yards.

Alumni News

♥Couples Who Met "And Matched"♥ At East Central Community College



BILLY & LOTTIE HUMPHRIES

If a book about romances which began at East Central is ever written, the story of Lottie Chamblee and Billy Humphries will certainly be included.

Lottie graduated from East Central in 1945 and went to Miss. State College for Women where she received a degree in English. However, instead of going to teach in a high school, she accepted a job at East Central where she was Assistant Registrar and English instructor in the agricultural high school which at that time was attached to the college.

In the summer of 1948, Billy Humphries came to East Central to take literature under Mrs. Stella Newsome, and the two met. They were married during Christmas holidays of 1949, thus beginning a relationship which has lasted for 45 years and produced four children.

"East Central was good for both of us," Mrs. Humphries writes, "not only because we met there. It was a great place for country kids to broaden their horizons and make the transition to senior college and the working world.

"Dormitory life was fun, too. We stayed on campus most weekends and enjoyed 'playnight' in the gym and forbidden feasts in our room. Mrs. Jackson (dorm mother) was deathly afraid of fire, so she turned off the power at the master switch at light's out time. We immediately whipped out our supply of candles and went on with whatever we needed to do."

Mrs. Humphries also .emembers the outstanding teachers which East Central had, "especially Mrs. Newsome who surprised many a plowboy into enjoying literature." She also remembers fondly Lynn D. Furgerson who was Registrar at the time, and Mr. Humphries remembers Coach Divine as being particularly helpful.

However, it is Dr. L. O. Todd that the two remember as being the catalyst which created such a successful school. "Dr. Todd had great foresight and a lot more confidence in us students than most of us had in ourselves. He pushed us to reach out and accept new responsibilities and challenges. We owe a lot to him and to East Central."

Both were involved in various activities while at East Central.

Lottie participated in the sophomore play and May Day program. An honor student, she was also a member of Future Teachers of America and served as president her sophomore year.

Billy was also a member of Future Teachers of America and served on The Tom Tom staff.

After leaving East Central, the Humphries moved to the Delta where their first three children were born. Tom, their older son, was tragically killed in a freak accident when he was 24. Charlotte teaches at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks; and Billy (also an East Central graduate) is with the Mississippi Highway Patrol in the Starkville District.

Younger daughter Bunny was born after the couple moved to Arkansas to teach. She now resides in Vicksburg where she owns a child care center.

After "rambling around for a few years," Billy and Lottie Humphries returned to his home in Winston County. She taught junior high school English at Noxapater for many years and retired in 1981. Billy owned and operated a country store for sixteen years, then sold it and turned his part-time beef cattle program into a full-time job. They have now planted the farm in young pine trees, which "grow without having to be fed in cold weather and never break through a fence."

The Humphries are members of Camp Ground United Methodist Church. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and she is a member of the Mississippi Retired Teachers Association and a number of other organizations including the Noxapater Civic Club which she has served as secretary and president.

After such full and productive careers, it is not surprising that Billy and Lottie Humphries are finding that "retirement is great, never boring, but not nearly as restful as we thought it would be."

EMMA JEAN & ELWARD WILLIS

It would have been difficult, in the more than forty years since they left East Central, for Elward and Emma Jean Willis to forget their stay at the college. This is true, not just because they enjoyed their two years as students, but because the two of them were married in the lobby of Jackson Hall.

After a courtship "mostly under the watchful eyes of faculty chaperones," Emma Jean Truesdale said "I do" to Elward S. Willis on March 19, 1947, with Dr. L.O. Todd, President of the college, giving the bride away. Elmo Winstead served as best man, and Nancy Burnham was Maid of Honor for the ceremony, officiated by the Rev. Leland Hogan.

According to Mrs. Willis, "They turned out school and everyone came to the wedding. This was a first for E.C.J.C."

Remembering their academic work at the college, Mrs. Willis stated, "Willis and I both had Mr. Cross for two years. That gets you ready for the real world."

Apparently, she was right because the two went on to have successful careers and rear a nice family of two daughters and a son of whom they say, "We wish they could have gone to E.C. because our experience there was so special."

After leaving East Central, Elward Willis went to Mississippi State where he received a BSCE in civil engineering. He worked as a senior design engineer for the Ford Company and for Bacon and Davis in structural and civil design.

Retiring three years ago, the Willises have purchased a travel trailer and have made several trips to states adjoining Louisiana where they live.

Mr. Willis has been active in the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Louisiana Engineering Society, and the National Society of Professional Engineers. Mrs. Willis has been active in the Mon Amie Club and the Bridge Club. Both are active members of Auburn Avenue Presbyterian Church in Monroe, Louisi-

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up, but also enjoys reading and traveling. As to the traveling, Hilda states, "I've been blessed with opportunities I never expected. I've been to Bolivia on a medical mission and to Russia (May '93) with a group of Christian educators to teach a course in Christian morals and ethics. Dr. McGee looks forward to the opportunity to make more fun trips and to do more mission trips which she believes her new practice will allow her to do.

As to the success of her life, Dr. McGee sums it up this way: "I think I am getting wiser as I get older, and I am grateful for that. I thank God every day for my life and for my opportunities to keep growing."

Dr. Hilda Edwards McGee - professional, wife, mother, church and civic leader - a credit to ECCC.

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Remembering East Central, Mrs. Willis mentioned that she worked on both the TOM-TOM and the yearbook staff as well as the Wesley Foundation and the Home Ec Club. Friends the couple remember include Nancy Burnham, Naomi McCraw, Ann Leach, Clay Simmons, Pellon Norris, Truitt Addkison, Burton Truesdale, Niles Red, Bill Griffin (who was killed in World War II) and J.F. Woods.

After a career of contributing to society, the Willises look forward to a retirement together - a togetherness which began in the lobby of Jackson Hall, 46 years ago!

Alumni News

EC Alumnus Becomes Hinds' Athletic Trainer

Athletes at Hinds Community College are in good hands with trainer Bryan Johnson whose main concern is rehabilitating those who have been injured on the playing field, in the gym, or on the track.

Johnson, a certified athletic trainer who holds a bachelor's degree in sports medicine from the University of Southern Mississippi, said he has always liked sports and wanted to help others."

He said, "I wasn't good enough to play, but I knew I wanted to stay in something that involved sports. I wanted to help others."

A typical day for Johnson begins in the morning treating athletes for injuries through use of the whirlpool and exercise. His work in the afternoon includes taping the injured athletes' ankles, wrists, and elbows, while also providing added treatment to those who have severe injuries.

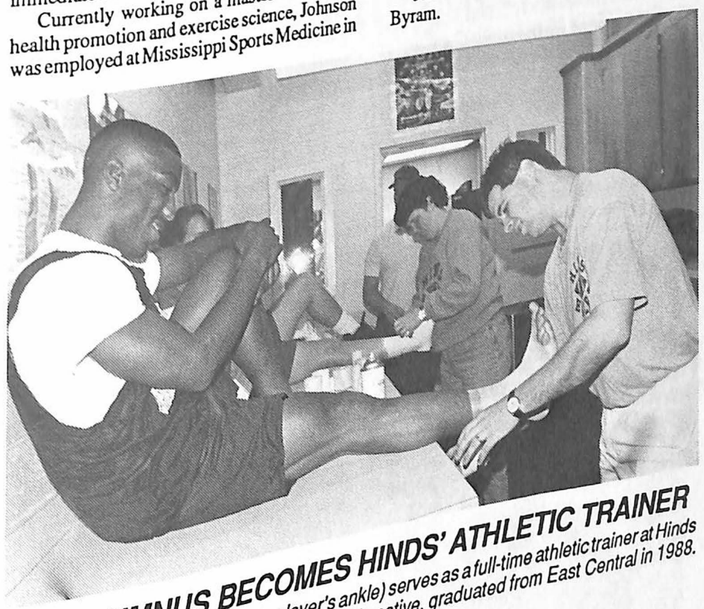
Johnson, 25, is also responsible for several student trainers who make sure athletes have everything they need during fall and spring sports practices. He also attends practices and games in case there are new injuries that need immediate attention.

Currently working on a master's degree in health promotion and exercise science, Johnson was employed at Mississippi Sports Medicine in Jackson and at River City Physical Therapists in Vicksburg before coming to Hinds.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School in Philadelphia, he received a liberal arts degree from East Central Community College in Decatur and then continued his education at USM.

He is certified through the National Athletic Trainer Association (NATA) and is licensed by the Mississippi Athletic Trainer Association (MATA).

Johnson and his wife, Patti, are residents of Byram.



EC ALUMNUS BECOMES HINDS' ATHLETIC TRAINER

B. J. Johnson (shown taping a player's ankle) serves as a full-time athletic trainer at Hinds Community College. Johnson, a Philadelphia native, graduated from East Central in 1988. (Photo courtesy Hinds Community College)

Donohue Writing Student Study Guide

Susan Donohue (Class of 1954) of Hattiesburg, a Sociology instructor at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, is writing a student study guide to accompany a national college level textbook in sociology. Donohue is writing a 15-chapter, 265-page study guide for the third edition of 'Choices in Relationships -- An Introduction To Marriage and Family', authored by David Knox and Caroline Schact for West Publishing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota. The guide will come out next spring.

"I was highly flattered and real excited about this," Donohue said. "It's something that I wanted to do for a long time. Writing this study guide will help, enhance my own teaching of the course."

Donohue is the daughter of Alatha and L. N. Brown of Union. This is Donohue's second time to work with West Publishing. She penned a review of the Jon M. Shepard's textbook, 'Sociology' in April of 1993.

'Be All That You Can Be' EC Alumna Tells Students

Sandra Whitfield Smith isn't always sure which of her two jobs she loves best. By day, this 1979 graduate of East Central is Supervisor of Economic Assistance for the Newton County Department of Human Services, a position she acquired by way of promotion on December 1, 1993. By night, she is a full-time wife, mother, and part-time caterer, all jobs she loves.

Sandra more or less grew up on the East Central campus since her mother Emma Whitfield worked for many years for the college's department of buildings and grounds. "I was twelve when mama died, and she called me in and said that she wanted me to see that all the children got through high school, and then she told me to remember that East Central was right up the road and always there for us." Of the nine children Emma Whitfield left (of which Sandra is the fifth), all went to college.

When Sandra was a student at East Central, she earned money to pay her tuition by cleaning houses. When she was ready to graduate, one of the women for whom she worked told her that she had recommended her to the Department of Human Services as a caseworker. The Department hired her, and on July 1, 1980, she became the first black caseworker in Newton County.

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Hubbard Recalls ECCC Days; Relates 'Special' Time Spent with Saints' Team

Stating he would have stayed four years at East Central if possible, Doug Hubbard Jr., (Class of 1982) has many fond memories of the only two years spent on the Decatur campus.

Hubbard, who lives in Natchez with wife, Kelly Marie, and serves as Minister of Music/ Youth at Morgantown Baptist Church, was involved in various activities as a student at East Central.

He served as student body president his sophomore year, was a member of the golf team and participated in intramural softball and volleyball. He was also manager for the football and basketball teams.

Hubbard said he fondly recalls being a cast member of "Little Mary Sunshine" and added Mr. (Bruce) Peterson's (musical director) speech classes were always "a little unusual."

However, Hubbard would probably like to forget one day in particular on the ECCC campus.

"During class-day competition, I had to wrestle James Mitchell. The next day I was so sore that the only part of my body I could move without being in pain were my eyes!"

Other than the previously mentioned episode, Hubbard said he really enjoyed East Central and added the teachers "were great."

When he left EC, Hubbard attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a degree in choral music. During this period he also became an ordained minister and later served as a summer missionary.

Other activities in which he has been involved include service as a volunteer fireman, Kiwanis Club member and volunteer trainer for Noxapater High School.

Hubbard said his work as a minister has taken him to many different locations where various needs have been addressed.

No doubt the most noteworthy event to which he was called to serve came on November 14, 1993. On that day, he was asked to lead Chapel service for the New Orleans Saints.

"After I was introduced, I stood up and turned around to see (head coach) Jim Mora, Rickey Jackson, Sam Mills, Vaughn Johnson, Wade Wilson and Gene Atkins seated right in front! In all, there were about 20 players and coaches in Chapel that day."

DOUG HUBBARD

Following the service, Hubbard said Coach Mora invited him to eat breakfast with the entire team.

"Needless to say I joined the Saints for breakfast and had a great time. Fred McAfee of Philadelphia made me feel right at home. After breakfast, I was given two free tickets to the game that day, which I attended with Mark Woodward of Louisville. It was a day I'll never forget," Hubbard said.

Hubbard added he will also never forget his "two great years" at East Central, and looks forward to again visiting the Decatur campus in the near future.

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(There are now six.)

Sandra's recent promotion to Supervisor over programs in Medicaid, Aid to Dependent Children, and Food Stamps is proof that dependability, hard work, and a positive attitude pay off.

SANDRA WHITFIELD SMITH

Sandra Whitfield Smith, in her office at the Newton County Department of Human Services located in Decatur. Hired in 1980, she became the first black caseworker in Newton County.

Remembering her days at East Central, Sandra pointed to former social science instructor L. B. Simmons (now retired) as a great inspiration. "Mr. Simmons always told our classes that we could accomplish anything we wanted to if we worked hard, kept a positive attitude, and had faith. I will always remember him for that."

Sandra is married to Leonard Smith, her sweetheart from junior high school, and they have two children: Justin, age 11, and Kalvin, age 3. Leonard has worked at ESCO in Newton since 1978. The Smith family all attend Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, where Sandra teaches a Sunday School class and has been secretary of the Sunday School since she was fourteen. The family has recently purchased a new home on Turkey Creek Road in Decatur and expects to move in right away.

When Sandra is not helping people through the Department of Human Services, she enjoys working with food. For many years, people attending almost any reception or banquet at East Central would see Sandra quietly assisting the food service staff. She has worked part-time for ARA Services since 1987 and is still called upon by current ARA Director Chris Servis to assist with special events.

However, in recent months Sandra has begun her own catering service out of her home. "I've done a number of private parties and weddings," she said. "I just go in about 6 a.m. and take over the kitchen, and so far every party has turned out well."

To know the kind of person Sandra Smith is, one has only to talk to her boss Mildred Pace who is Director of the Human Services Program in Newton County. Says Pace, "Not only is Sandra dependable and easy to work with, she is compassionate in her dealings with clients. And

"Mr. Simmons always told our class that we could accomplish anything we wanted to if we worked hard, kept a positive attitude, and had faith."

in the kind of work we do, that is a crucial characteristic. We are fortunate to have her."

At the moment, Sandra is in something of a quandary. She would like to keep her job with the Department of Human Services and expand her catering business, but at the same time she wants to pursue her Bachelor's Degree at the MSU Branch in Meridian. "I would like to someday become a counselor so that I could encourage other young black students to be all that they can be."

Alumni News

Borganelli Named 'Woman of Achievement'

Imogene Johnson Borganelli (Class of 1947) of Greenville is a former recipient of the Woman of Achievement award presented by the Mississippi division of the American Association of University Women. Mrs. Borganelli received the prestigious honor at the 1988 convention held in Starkville.

Borganelli was born in Sebastopol, the daughter of a professional educator. She learned the importance of education early in life and successfully instilled her philosophy in the minds of her five children. Mark, the oldest, is a resident physician in San Francisco; Greg is a student at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry; Sanci, the only girl, is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi; Bart is a recent graduate of Delta State University and Neil, the youngest, is a student at Mississippi State University.

Borganelli is a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Community College and the University of Mississippi. She began her teaching career in Shaw where she coached the girls' basketball team to the Delta Championship. She later taught in Jackson and in the Greenville Public Schools. She left the classroom to become associated in business with her husband, Santo J. Borganelli.

Her volunteer services to the community began with her involvement in the Parent Teacher Association, including a one-year term as president. For a time she was active in the Quota International Business Club, serving as vice president, and in the Business and Professional Women's Club.

She was appointed to the Greenville Biracial Committee during the desegregation of the Greenville Schools and remains an active member. She was a member of the Teen Club Board, Greenville Community Citizens Advisory Committee, state advisory board of Women's Equity, and the Mississippi Career Education Advisory Committee.

Her work in the American Association of University Women spans two decades. During this time she has continuously held leadership roles at the local, state and national levels.

She served as president of the Greenville branch from 1969-70 and of the Mississippi division from 1976-78. In 1978, she was elected by the Association to the National Education Foundation Program Committee. This committee is charged with the responsibility of screening applications for the coveted fellowships which are awarded by the AAUW Education Foundation.

Also in 1978, she was elected to serve on the Mississippi Committee for the Humanities - now the Mississippi Humanities Council.

She is currently an advisory member of the council having completed her tenure as a voting member of the organization.

She has also been a strong supporter of Mississippi ETV since its inception in 1973.

In 1971, she was listed in "Personalities of the South" and she was portrayed in a 1982 Delta Democrat Times article as a champion of causes.

IMOGENE BORGANELLI

Former Diamond Warrior Receives Conference Honor

Shortstop Daniel Landry (Class of '93) of the University of New Orleans is a recent recipient of the Sahara Sportwear/Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week honors.

Landry, a junior from Plaquemine, LA, and former ECCC standou tunder Coach Jamie Clark, batted .450 with three home runs and 14 RBI's in a four-game stretch. All the homers and runs batted in occurred in a three-game Sun Belt sweep at Louisiana Tech. UNO scored 52 runs in that series, tying school records for runs in three consecutive games and runs in a three-game series. The Privateers also set a school record for runs in a three-game conference.

Landry, who helped lead the Diamond Warriors to a 29-15 record last year, was selected first team All-State and was named East Central's most valuable player and best offensive performer.

Cooper Selected To Who's Who At MSU

Tam Cooper has been selected to Who's Who at Mississippi State University and will be featured along with other honorees in the university's 1994 yearbook, REVEILLE.

Cooper, a senior math education major, is a 1992 honor graduate of East Central Community College. She was also inducted to the Hall of Fame.

At MSU, Cooper is a member of Delta Gamma sorority and has served on the DG Honor Board. She served as treasurer of the Student Association Committee for United Way and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Alumni.

She was selected as a Roadrunner, the MSU student recruiter organization, and is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi.

She is a member of Gamma Beta Phi and participates in intramurals. In December, 1992, her Delta Gamma flag football team won first place at MSU and earned them the right to participate in the National Sugar Bowl Flag Football Tournament in New Orleans, La. The MSU Delta Gamma team won third place in the annual competition.

Cooper was a President's List Scholar at East Central Community College and has been a President's List Scholar at Mississippi State University.

She is currently practice teaching this semester in the math department at Philadelphia High School.

She is the daughter of Lois Cooper and the late Carl Cooper of Decatur.

Clark Receives Honor

Mary Cay Clark of Chunky has received the highest academic honor attainable at the University of Mississippi.

Clark, a 1991 honor graduate of East Central Community College, who was also named to the Hall of Fame, is among 92 new initiates into the Ole Miss Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a national honorary society.

Chartered at Ole Miss in 1959, Phi Kappa Phi recognizes scholarship in all disciplines. To qualify, undergraduates must be seniors or second semester juniors with high standards of scholarship and character. Graduate students and students in professional schools must have distinguished records placing them among the ablest in their classes.

Recent Alumni Happenings

Rory Trapp and Stanley Salter are among the new officers of the Philadelphia Sertoma Club.

Tam Cooper of Decatur has been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at Mississippi State University.

Leake Academy's Doyle Wolverton got his 500th victory as a coach of girls' basketball with an 86-72 win over Wayne Academy on November 23, 1993.

Bill Rigby of Morton has opened Rigby's Flower Shop in Morton.

Dr. Frank Bowen is the new president of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Bowen practices in Carthage.

Bob Posey has been promoted to assistant cashier by the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia.

Willie McClelland of Little Rock earned his second football letter at Livingston University at the conclusion of the 1993 season.

Kim Griffin of Decatur was recently initiated into the Ole Miss Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Longtime East Central board member Mack Weems celebrated his 90th birthday on December 21, 1993. Dr. Martha Ann Weems Cheney, his daughter, and an East Central graduate, helped him celebrate the occasion.

Stanley Mitchell of Louisville has completed training to become an officer in the Mississippi State Highway Patrol. He has been assigned to the Starkville District.

Paul Chamblee heads a group spearheading a move to enlarge the Carthage Public Library.

Foreign Powe has been promoted to assistant cashier by the Bank of Forest.

Longtime Decatur City Clerk Virginia Reeves was honored with a reception at the time of her retirement after serving the city for 28 years.

Sid Massey and Speedy Calvert of Louisville are the 1994 Directors of the Louisville Kiwanis Club.

Dana Reid, the wife of Dean Reid, was recently featured as the NESHOBA DEMOCRAT's "Cook of the Week."

Newton native Pat Kirby is enjoying fame as an impersonator of singer Garth Brooks. He recently did his impersonations at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas. Kirby, who now lives in Atlanta, impersonates Brooks as a sideline.

Carley James (Jim) Hardy, Jr. of Madison, formerly of Philadelphia, has been named the assistant director of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol's Headquarters Communication Complex, according to Col. Jay Clark, Highway Patrol Director.

Billy G. Mayes of Forest has been promoted to assistant inspector for the nine-county Meridian District of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

The R. Glen Eaves Lectureship of European and English history at Mississippi College honors Glen Eaves who serves as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and is also professor of history at Mississippi College.

Jerry W. Cannon received a recent appointment as an associate in the New York Life Financial Group in Mississippi.

The Union High School class of 1933 recently held its 60th reunion. Many members of this class attended East Central College after graduation from high school.

Dawn Alexander Harrison is now a member of the faculty at Newton County Academy.

A United States patent has been issued to Jerome Hardy for Hardy Manufacturing Company, Inc.'s first all-stainless-steel outside waste oil furnace.

Former Meridian Mayor Jimmy Kemp recently spoke to the Newton County United Givers Fund Directors meeting.

Marshall Harris Tucker, assistant executive director of Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, has been recertified as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Jamie Whatley is now a junior cytotechnology student at the School of Health Related Professions at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Jim Allen of Carthage played center for the 1993 football season with the Millsaps Majors of Millsaps College in Jackson.

Kappa Kappa Iota Officers for the 1993-94 year include Alicia (Amis) McMillan and Sandra Amis, both teachers at Lake High School.

Christopher A. Collins has joined the law firm of Gordon and Collins in Union.

Ilene Gordon was recently honored as a Masonic widow by the Henry Clay Lodge No. 485 in Union.

Kay Livingston has been appointed principal of the Alternative School which is located in Decatur and serves Newton and surrounding counties.

Philadelphia native Jody Tidwell has been elected vice-president of the Mississippi Industrial Development Council for 1993-94. Tidwell also serves as administrative assistant to Lt. Governor Eddie Briggs.

The Union High School bands from 1950-1954 recently held a reunion. Many members of these bands attended East Central and were members of the East Central marching band.

Billy Gilmer is now playing keyboard for the popular singing group, The Revelations.

Bryant Johnston of Carthage recently retired as assistant superintendent of schools in Kingman, Arizona. In 1993, he was recognized as "Outstanding Educator of the Year" in Kingman.

Chris Vowell has been named a recipient of the David M. Halbrook Award for Academic Achievement Among Athletes. Vowell graduated from East Central and is now a member of the baseball team at the University of Mississippi.

Richard Luthem has been featured in the SCOTT COUNTY TIMES for his prowess as a turkey hunter.

Melissa Thrash has joined the Logan and May Law Firm in Newton. Melissa earned her law degree at the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Carla Stokes and Joey Holdiness were the engaged couple chosen to appear in a special supplement to the WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL in the January 26 issue. The supplement centered on wedding preparations.

Bethany Jinkerson of Union competed in the Miss USM Pageant on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi on January 15, 1994.

Larry Blackburn recently spoke at a meeting of the Newton County Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Lt. Col. Billy L. Pierce, Commander of the 4th/114th Field Artillery Battalion, Mississippi National Guard, spoke at the February meeting of the Newton County Chapter of the Mississippi Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Curtis Monroe retired as an instructor in Social Science at the end of the first semester at Itawamba Community College in Fulton. Mr. Monroe has been a member of the Itawamba faculty for many years.

Canoy Weaver appeared in the Newton Theatre Company's production of "Pecos Bill and Slue-Foot Sue Meet the Dirty Dan Gang" on February 25-26, 1994.

Doris Early Modjeski continues to operate her modeling school in Edwards. She has trained numerous successful models during the past 26 years.

For the past 21 years, Tom Matthews has successfully engaged in the practice of law in Wiggins.

Rochelle Sessums was on the President's List for the fall semester at Mississippi College where she is a senior.

Dean Reid of Philadelphia had a successful hunting season. He killed an eight-point and a ten-point deer while hunting in Neshoba County.

Betty Tingle, Newton County ASCS Executive Director, recently received a certificate and a $500 bonus in recognition of her superior performance and service to the ASCS and farmers in Newton County.

Those officers and directors of the Forest Area Chamber of Commerce who graduated from East Central are Jimmy May, Ken Sims, Terry Campbell, Harry Culpepper, Dr. Randy Eason, Danny McKay, David Rushing, Billy Frank Alford, Ronnie Fortinberry, Hugh Strebeck, Sandy Tadlock, and George Taylor.

At a recent press conference, Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, president of the University of Southern Mississippi, introduced Hilda Edwards McGee, M.D., a USM and East Central alumna and the vice-president of the USM Foundation Board. Dr. McGee has been appointed chairperson of the USM Arts 2000 campaign and will lead the campaign through a series of fund-raising efforts.

Marcus Herrington has been promoted to the position of vice-president of Herrington Insurance of Union.

William Yates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yates of Philadelphia, has graduated from the University of Mississippi with highest honors, summa cum laude.

The Philadelphia Country Club Board of Directors for 1994 include Don Fulton, Russell More, Bob Mills, Bill Griffis, Richard Wilson,

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Alumni News

East Central Alumna Becomes First Female Attorney In Newton County

Newton County, Mississippi broke new ground early in 1994 when its first female attorney began practice in Newton. Somehow, it seems appropriate that this first female attorney is Melissa Thrash, daughter of longtime East Central instructor Thomas Thrash (EC class of '58) and his wife, Jeanette Beevers Thrash (EC class of '58).

Melissa was more or less reared on the East Central campus, and when she graduated from Decatur High School in 1986, she made the transition to college life with ease. During her two years at East Central, she participated in a wide range of activities from being President of Phi Theta Kappa to being both a football and basketball cheerleader. She was also a member of the Warrior Corps and the President's Council and was considered such an outstanding student that she was not only chosen as East Central's HEADWAE student (to be honored along with a faculty member by the Mississippi Legislature) but was selected to East Central's Hall of Fame, the highest honor an EC student can achieve.

In 1988, Melissa transferred to the University of Mississippi to pursue a degree in English. While in undergraduate school, Melissa was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the Golden Key National Honor Society, and Sigma Tau Delta English Honorary. She was on the Chancellor's List and received the Coterie Award for her written analysis of Faulkner's writings. After graduating magna cum laude in 1990, Melissa entered law school. In the spring of 1993, Melissa finished her Juris Doctor Degree at the University of Mississippi School of Law, and in the process of maintained the same pace of involvement she had started at East Central.

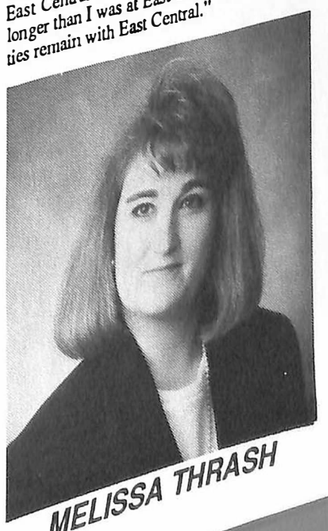
While in law school, she was a member of Phi Delta Phi, was on the Dean's List, and was voted to WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS. At the same time she was serving as Editor of THE ADVOCATE, the yearbook for the school of law at Ole Miss and was working at the Public Interest Law Clinic, and the Housing Law Clinic.

Melissa is particularly proud of her work with THE ADVOCATE because of the numerous hours she spent in compiling the book. However, she is equally proud of the work she did with the Public Interest Law Clinic and the Housing Law Clinic, since both organizations primarily helped underprivileged people. In the same vein, she was active in the Oxford-Lafayette County / University Habitat for Humanity.

After graduation, Melissa spent two months preparing for the Mississippi Bar Examination given in July. She became licensed to practice law in a ceremony held at the Old Capitol in September. After that, she had but to decide which direction she wanted her career to take. She knew she enjoyed the small town atmosphere of her hometown, Decatur, and when the opportunity came to take a position as an Associate with the Law firm of Logan and May in Newton, she accepted it with enthusiasm.

Melissa is now a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and is eligible to practice before the U.S. District Courts for both Northern and Southern Mississippi, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She is currently serving as Secretary of the Newton County Bar Association.

Through all her accomplishments, Melissa has credited East Central with much of her success. "East Central is like home to me. I literally grew up on the campus, and most of my dearest friendships were made while I was at East Central. Even though I was at East Central, my strongest ties remain with East Central."



MELISSA THRASH

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and Jim Duncan.

Mrs. Frances Thomas Williams was named "Woman of the Year" by the Philadelphia Women's Club.

Shirley Skinner was named Club Woman of the Year by the Dixon Community Club. Shirley was the recipient of a William Winter Education Scholarship and is at present doing her student teaching.

On March 5, 1994, former United State Representative Arthur Winstead was honored by the Philadelphia Lions Club. Former Congressman Winstead is a graduate of the old Newton County Agricultural High School, the forerunner of East Central Community College.

Don Pouncey (Class of 1973) recently coached the Hartselle (Alabama) High School boys' basketball team to the State 5A championship.

Tara (Yarbrough) Woodward (Class of 1981) is married to Jimmy Woodward and they have two children: Matthew and Andrew. The Woodwards reside at Rt. 6, Box 371A, Louisville, MS 39339.

Bruce and Josef Mainka are student teaching this semester. The Mainka brothers are from Carthage and graduated from East Central.

Nancy Jo Buntyn-Maples is currently making her home in Lucedale where she is a career journalist in the employ of THE MISSISSIPPI PRESS.

Mrs. Edward Wall is serving as chairman of the 1994 Symposium on Antiques and Decorative Arts for the Mississippi Museum of Art, the Museum Auxiliary and the Gallery Guild.

John Mark Williams has recently become Office Manager for Forest Financial Services, Inc.

Linda Baucum, English teacher at Newton County High School and Amber Campbell, a senior at Newton County High School, were recently honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Newton County.

The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia has promoted Bobbie Hardy to the position of Loan Documentation Officer. Mrs. Hardy has been with the Citizens Bank for 30 years.

Karen Freeny Jones has been promoted to Assistant Vice President of Data Processing at The Carthage Bank. Prior to her promotion, she worked in the bank's Data Processing, Bookkeeping and Proof department. She is licensed in operational training as a holder of certification from Peerless Systems in Dallas, Texas.

Leroy Callahan, Jr., math instructor at Scott Central High School the past 24 years, has co-authored a book with Dr. Gary Johnson of Mississippi State University entitled The Mississippi School Finance Handbook. The 82-page publication contains easy-to-understand information compiled and written for anyone who is interested in understanding how the state's public schools are financed.

Bobbie Nell (Blanton) King (Class of 1959) is married to Paul King and they reside in Louisville. They have two grown children: LeAnne Cheatham of Lafayette, Louisiana, and Kevin King of Louisville; and two granddaughters. The Kings' address is Rt. 5, Box 105 in Louisville, MS 39339.

Lewis E. Nolan (Class of 1966) serves as Vice President of Communications for Schering-Plough HealthCare Products in Memphis, Tennessee. His wife, the former Betty Trapp, is also a 1966 East Central graduate and was selected to the Hall of Fame. Betty teaches home economics for Memphis city schools. The Nolans recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

'I Love the K's!' Says Former ECCC Hurler

(NOTE: Former ECCC Diamond Warrior Donald Culberson of Philadelphia, top relief pitcher for the Hickory (North Carolina) Crawdads, was selected "Craw-Dude of the Week" in a fall 1993 issue of THE HICKORY NEWS. A profile on Culberson, written by Terry Presnell, is listed below as it appeared in the daily publication.)

Don Culberson, middle and, of late, closing reliever for the Hickory Crawdads, is in his fourth year of professional baseball.

With a strictly business approach to the game, Culberson looks forward to improving.

"The large crowds here in Hickory are nice, especially if we're winning," says the Philadelphia, Mississippi resident, "but I'm here to improve my pitches, my velocity, placement, and mechanics!"

Culberson, who has averaged around eight strikeouts for every nine innings pitched in his professional career, once struck out 14 hitters in a seven-inning game.

"I love the K's," he says, smiling. "That game was my most memorable baseball moment."

"The large crowds here in Hickory are nice, especially if we're winning, but I'm here to improve my pitches, my velocity, placement, and mechanics!"

It's been Culberson's knack for getting key strikeouts in clutch, late-inning situations that has made him the Crawdads #1 closer in the latter stages of the season.

"When I was first assigned to Hickory," he says, "it took me some time getting adjusted...and I was doing a lot of middle-inning and mop-up work."

Culberson says he thrives on the "game-on-the-line" mentality that a closer must face in each game.

"It's definitely a rush to come in, get the team out of a jam, and get a save," he adds.

Playing professional baseball is a dream come true for Culberson, but he only realized his dream after graduating from high school:

"I was attending East Central (Miss.) Junior College," he says, "and was drafted in the 43rd round of the June, 1990 draft -- I needed the money, so I decided to give it a shot!"

"When I was first assigned to Hickory, it took me some time getting adjusted..and I was doing a lot of middle-inning and mop-up work."

Culberson's hero is a major league pitcher known for posting a few strikeouts himself: Doctor K!

"Yes," says the 23-year-old, "Dwight Gooden is my hero and role model."

Having been brought along slowly by the parent Chicago White Sox organization, Culberson's late season improvement hasn't been ignored by the White Sox organization.

So Mississippi's Don Culberson may have three things to celebrate on Dec. 31, 1996 --- New Year's Eve, his birthday, and a major league baseball career!

Don Culberson file

Born: Dec. 31, 1970, Philadelphia, Miss.

Resides: Philadelphia, Miss.

Position: Pitcher **Bats:** Right **Throws:** Right

Height: 6'2" **Weight:** 185

Draft: Signed by White Sox scouts Rod Fridley and Danny Monzon after being selected in the 43rd round of the June, 1990 free agent draft.

Accolades:
- Has a 2.61 ERA (30 ER/103.1 IP) over his 3-yar professional career
- Has averaged 8.71 strikeouts per 9.0 IP
- Ranked third in appearances with 35 at Class A South Bend in 1992
- Led Rooke Sarasota with 19 appearances in 1991

Professional Stats:

YR	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Team
90	0-1	1.59	3	0	0	0	0	5.2	6	6	1	0	7	Sarasota
91	2-4	2.45	19	0	0	0	3	33.0	20	13	9	14	33	Sarasota
92	2-3	2.78	35	1	0	0	0	64.2	56	32	20	39	60	S. Bend
93	2-1	5.31	25	0	0	0	4	42.1	39	28	25	27	38	Hickory

LEWIS NOLAN

Secretaries Name Executive of the Year

Lewis Nolan, vice president communications, Schering-Plough HealthCare Products, was named 1993 Executive of the Year by the Memphis chapter of Professional Secretaries International (PSI).

Nolan was chosen on the basis of his professional and personal accomplishments, PSI support, and community involvement.

Nolan began his career with Schering-Plough in 1983. His responsibilities include internal and external communications, government relations, and direction of corporate philanthrophy and local volunteer programs. He is a former business editor of *The Commercial Appeal*.

Nancy Mitchell, CPS, senior secretary to Mr. Nolan since 1987, nominated him for this award.

Nolan's involvement in the business community includes service on the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Association of Business and chairmanship of the Government Affairs Council of the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the Dean's Advisory Council at Mississippi State University, his alma mater in Starkville, as well as a number of local boards. He is a 1966 graduate of East Central Community College.

He is a member of the Memphis Rotary Club and the Economic Club of Memphis.

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Weddings

Cynthia Lynn Ballenger to Jimmy Dwight Wilcher
Martie Lynn Brewer to Willie Kevin Vaughn
Stephanie Ann Cummings to Matthew Dennis Brown
Stephanie Dear to Michael Roland
Melissa Shonteau Durr to Jimmy Neal Chestnut
Cynthia D. Gardner to Walter Anthony Hare
Melissa Kaye Goodman to Charlie Ray Johnson
Joyce Shoshell Graham to Billy Mart Murphree
Tanya Jean Henry to Jerry Bryan Thomas
Amy Dean Humphreys to Jeffery Doyle McGee
Diann Leigh Ingram to Gregg Perry
Anita Michelle Kemp to Stephen O'Brannon Tucker
Twyla Michelle Kemp to Barry Conn
Mary Regina McKinney to Douglas Raymond Sawyer
LeAnn McMullan to Dennis Sullivan
Terri Lynn Mason to Michael Wynne McDonald
Stephanie Dean Malone to Asha Ray Davis, Jr.
Karla DeAnn Munn to James Gregory Russell
Meredith Shea Nelson to Christopher Scott
Belinda Overkleeft to Bruce Mainka
Tiffany Phillips to Donald Ray Gunn
Lorrie Annette Ponder to James Craig Stamper
Vicki Pugh to Michael Lee
Alisa Lynn Russell to Christopher William Jones
Leigh Ann Russell to David LaBlanc
Alisa Rence Sandifer to William C. Wilson
Rochelle Sessums to Jay White
Stacey Lynn Sharpe to Michael Ray Thomas
Paula Annette Shoffner to Kevin Ray Stokes
Christi Louise Stewart to Jeffery Wayne Thomas
Carla Stokes to Joey Holdiness
Janice Leigh Stone to Clark Allen Brown
Kathy Denise Smith to Randy Sanders
Tara DeLeigh Swindle to Stephen Lee Darwin
Penny Ruth Thaggard to John Thomas Bates Jr.
Tonya Amelia Trapp to Jimmy C. Nowell, Jr.
Tanya Rachelle Waggoner to Arthur Neal Alford
Stacey Marie Warren to Raymond Devon Marshall
Robin Rochelle Webb to Brett Flake
Melanie L. Wilcher to Nick D. Wall

Former ECCC Hall of Famers Making A Difference As Teachers

Selection to the Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can receive while attending East Central Community College.

Initiated in 1956, only a few students are chosen each year to receive the prestigious honor. And only once has the honor been presented to members of the same family, and that selection has obviously been well deserved as the former outstanding East Central students have since become "Hall of Famers" in their respective teaching careers.

Linda Lathem Corley (Class of 1969) of Sebastopol and her brother, Skip Lathem (Class of 1980) of Morton were both 1993 recipients of STAR Teacher awards at their respective high school.

STAR stands for Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition, a program sponsored by the Mississippi Economic Council. STAR student selections are made in each high school and are based on American College Test (ACT) scores and scholastic averages. The STAR student then selects a STAR teacher from those who have made contributions to the student's academic success.

Linda teaches senior English and creative writing, serves as advisor to the school yearbook and directs the annual beauty pageant. In all, she has 23 years teaching experience.

Skip teaches Algebra II, geometry and advanced math. He also serves as assistant principal and chairman of the math department. In addition, he teaches college algebra and trigonometry for East Central. Skip volunteers as the supervisor of a peer tutoring service one afternoon each week. This program provides help to Morton High School math students and is sponsored by Citizens Bank of Morton.

Linda and Skip have been associated with the STAR program for many years. Linda was selected STAR Student her senior year at Sebastopol and Skip has received STAR Teacher designation eight times during his 11-year teaching career.

Both agree much of the success they have achieved can be attributed to their association with East Central Community College.

For Linda, East Central was her "home away from home."

"I do not think I could have received a better education anywhere else. One of the most enjoyable parts of my years at East Central were the theatrical productions with Bruce Peterson. No one could forget the classes with Ovid Vickers; even dull selections were interesting," she said.

Linda said she will always remember the late Frank Cross who regularly greeted her by speaking in Choctaw. "For some strange reason, he thought I knew the language," she added.

Linda concluded her comments about East Central with the following statement:

"I shall always appreciate the education I received at EC and how that education was a stepping stone for my further educational ven-

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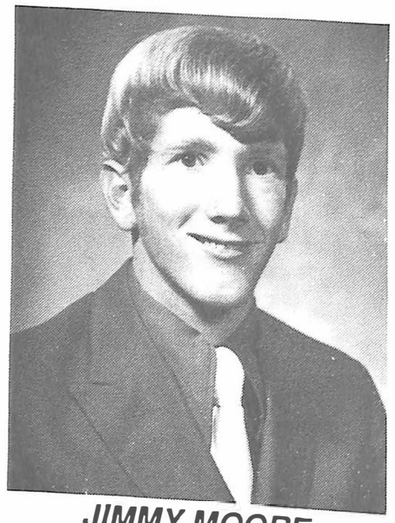
FORMER HALL OF FAMERS

Scott County teachers Skip Lathem of Morton and his sister, Linda Corley of Sebastopol. The two former ECCC Hall of Famers are the only recipients of the prestigious honor chosen from the same family. They have since become "STAR" teachers in their respective high schools. (Photo courtesy Scott County Times)

Alumni News

Jimmy Moore: Remembered As A Very Caring And Generous Person



JIMMY MOORE

When members of the East Central Community College Class of 1973 gathered on campus for Homecoming activities last October, there was one alumnus physically unable to attend but whose presence was felt in spirit.

James William (Jimmy) Moore was an outstanding student at East Central who was also involved in various activities. He attended college on a band scholarship, participating in the marching, concert and stage bands. He also performed with the college orchestra during the 1972 musical production of "Annie Get Your Gun." He was also a President's List Scholar, an honor he was especially proud to receive considering his extracurricular activities and heavy class load.

Jimmy, at age 34, lost his life on November 18, 1987 in a chainsaw accident in his parents' front yard in Louisville. Although his family and friends suffered a tragic loss, Jimmy will always be remembers as a very caring and generous person.

On September 21, 1984, Jimmy gave his older brother, Rick, one of his kidneys, thus freeing him from a kidney machine he had been on three times a week for over eight years. Rick, already married at the time of the transplant, has since become a father of two beautiful daughters, which would not have been possible without Jimmy's life-saving donation to his brother. Rick is also an East Central alumnus, having graduated in 1969. He finished at Delta State in 1972.

At least two other lives were also touched because of Jimmy, as following his death both corneas were donated to the eye bank. It was later learned that one person in Mississippi and another from out-of-state received the corneas.

Jimmy's mother, Mrs. Mary Rose Moore, related the above information about Jimmy in observance of his 20th class reunion.

Mrs. Moore, who emphasized she is a "strong" supporter of community colleges "and most especially of East Central," added the following comment:

"I just wanted to let everyone know how much we miss Jimmy and how he felt about East Central. We are so pleased with all the progress going on at East Central and hope that the college continues to grow in the years to come."

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tures."

Although she maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average and was recognized as Valedictorian during commencement exercises, Linda was involved in many campus activities.

She was a member of the WO-HE-LO staff, served as columnist and co-editor of The Tom Tom, was secretary of the Student Education Association, member of Phi Theta Kappa and Delta Psi Omega, and participated in the campus productions of "Our Town" and "Night of January Sixteenth."

After graduating from East Central, Linda attended the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a B.S. degree in English / Communications, a M.S. degree in Communications and a M.Ph. degree in English. At USM she was entertainment editor of The Student Printz.

Her honors and activities include Mississippi Scholastic Press Association Advisor of the Year in 1978 and Mississippi Press Women Scholastic Contest Chairman for two years. She has also served as a judge for National Pen Woman and Columbia University writing contests and Olympic of the Mind dramatic competitions. She is a member of the Mississippi Education Association and teaches Sunday School.

Before coming to Sebastopol, Linda taught in Forest, Lake and Meridian schools. At Meridian, her student newspaper earned high ratings from the Columbia University and Mississippi Scholastic Press associations.

She is married to Martin Corley, a Vietnam veteran who works for law enforcement as a member of a drug task force. They have three children: Leigh Ann, 10; Jonathan, 7; and Jeremy, 5, all students at Sebastopol Attendance Center.

In commenting about his feelings toward his alma mater, Skip said East Central "was and still is a great post-secondary institution."

"The mathematics department was outstanding during the two years that I attended EC. Dr. (Shelby) Harris and Mrs. (Lois) McMullan did a super job in preparing me for the next two years at Mississippi State. Each year I look forward to bringing a team of students to participate in the college's district math tournament - which was begun my sophomore year at East Central," he said.

Skip added: "As an educator, I encourage my students to seriously consider EC before making the decision of where to attend college. I strongly support the community college system especially East Central."

Like his sister, Skip was also involved in various activities while a student at East Central.

He served as sports editor of The Tom Tom, participated in intramural sports, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and served as statistician for Lucille Wood's women's basketball team. "Working for Coach Wood, I learned to appreciate East Central even more. She instilled a sense of pride for EC into anyone who spent time around her," Skip said.

Skip also received various honors, including the freshman math award. He was also named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES.

Skip continued his education at MSU where the cum laude graduate received a bachelor's degree in math education and a master's in math education. He also received AA certification in school administration from Mississippi College.

Additional honors and activities include past president of the ECCC Alumni Association, member Morton United Methodist Church Board of Trustees, Morton Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Teaching Award (three years), Morton High School Yearbook Dedication, Mississippi State University Sigma Xi Mathematics Teacher of the Year, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Who's Who in Mississippi and Tandy Technology Scholar Outstanding Teacher Award. He is also a member of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Before coming to Morton, Skip taught mathematics one year at Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama.

His wife, the former Ruth McDaniel, teaches fifth grade science at Morton Middle School. She recently participated in a weatherschool commercial with Woodie Assaf of WLBT-TV in Jackson. Ruth is a graduate of Meridian High School, ECCC and Belhaven College. She is currently pursuing a degree in school administration at Mississippi College.

Skip and Linda agree they really enjoy teaching and credit East Central for providing a quality education and making a difference in their lives; a "difference" the former Hall of Famers are obviously making in the lives of their students.

Alumni News

Turner Co-Authors Agriculture Textbook

Mrs. Diana Leatherwood Turner (Class of 1965) of Starkville has co-authored and published a textbook, Introduction to World AgriScience and Technology, and the related teachers' manual and activity manual and activity manual. Mrs. Turner teamed with Dr. Jasper S. Lee, also of Starkville, in producing the publication which is being viewed as a major new direction in agricultural education.

Mrs. Turner, a leader in science education, teaches science at Starkville Academy. Lee, a nationally known agricultural educator, is owner of Lee and Associates, a consulting company in the field of agricultural education and vocational education located in Starkville.

The book stresses science principles as applied in agriculture. Important connections are shown between science theory and the production of human food, fiber and shelter.

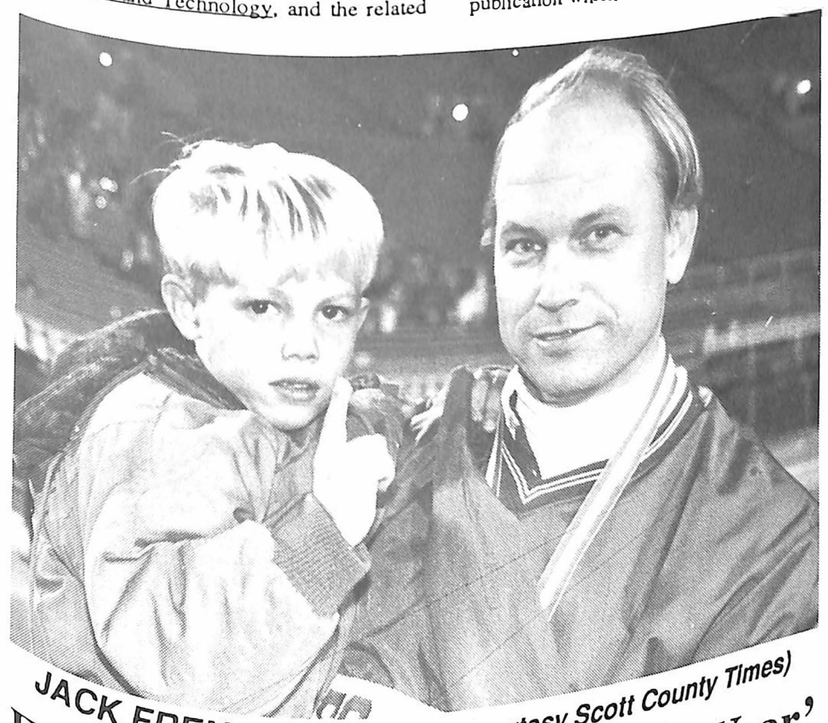
"Introduction to World AgriScience and Technology" is being enthusiastically received by agricultural educators all over the U.S., according to Vernie Thomas, president of Interstate Publishers, Inc., in Danville, ill. Thomas indicates that this book marks a major advancement for agricultural instruction in public and private schools. High schools and colleges throughout North America have already adopted it.

"The book stresses science principles as applied in agriculture. Important connections are shown between science theory and the production of human food, fiber and shelter."

Turner is well known for outstanding instruction in science. She was the 1993 Mississippi Secondary Teacher of the Year and was selected in 1992 to the Starkville Education Hall of Fame.

Under her leadership, the science program at Starkville Academy was named the top program in Mississippi in 1993. She is active in many areas of science education, including state and district science fairs and providing inservice education to Mississippi teachers.

Lee serves as Editorial Consultant and Chair of the Agriculture Advisory Committee for Interstate Publishers, Inc. Lee has authored several books, including titles on catfish farming, aquaculture and agribusiness.



JACK FRENCH (Photo Courtesy Scott County Times)

French Named 'Coach of the Year'

Forest High School Head Football Coach Jack French (Class of 1973) was voted 1993 "Coach of the Year" by *Clarion-Ledger*. French has also been named South Head Coach for the Mississippi High School Activities Association's All-Star Game in July, 1994.

The honors came in recognition of French's leadership in coaching the Bearcats to back-to-back State Class 3A state football championships. Forest was the only South Mississippi team to win a football championship this season and the only 1992 defending champion to repeat.

French, 40, has compiled a 103-42-1 career coaching record with a .709 winning percentage and is completing his seventh year at the helm in Forest. FHS finished ninth overall in the state for the 1993 campaign.

Over the last two seasons, French's Bearcats are 26-2.

"Personally, this means a lot to me," said French. "But what it really means is that I've been fortunate to be around some really good football players and some truly dedicated coaches.

"I appreciate the support for our program from this community more than anything," he said.

Two Bearcats, senior lineman Leroy Harper, an ECCC signee, and senior defensive end Tony Odom, were named second-team All-State performers by the Jackson newspaper.

A native of Noxapater, French is a graduate of Noxapater High School, East Central Community College and earned a BS degree in Social Studies and a MA degree in education from Mississippi State University. His 19-year coaching career includes stints at Olive Branch High School, Pelahatchie High School, Itawamba Agricultural High School and Forest High.

French and his wife, the former Karen Russell of Noxapater, are the parents of a daughter, Joni, 15, and a son, Catlin, six. They are members of the Forest Baptist Church.

Dr. Rudolph A. Posey Receives 'Citizen of the Year' Award

Dr. Rudolph A. Posey Sr. (Class of 1943) was recognized as Philadelphia and Neshoba County's "1993 Citizen of the Year" during ceremonies held last September.

The annual award is sponsored by the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Chamber of Commerce and South Central Bell.

C. D. Smith, district manager of South Central Bell, presented Dr. Posey with the award during the Chamber's annual banquet.

In accepting, Dr. Posey expressed his gratitude to the community and his optimism for the future of Philadelphia and Neshoba County.

"I accept this honor with mixed emotions, primarily with gratitude to you, the citizens of this community, who have been so kind to me in the past," Dr. Posey said.

"You know, if you ever see a turtle sitting on a fence post you know he had to have some help to get up there. I feel just like that turtle and in the same situation as that turtle because you have helped me become what I am today -- you, I mean the citizens of this community.

"I came from Coon Shuck Swamp and you accepted me when I was in the eighth grade here in this city of Philadelphia where I had my first electric lights. A lot of things have happened and a lot of things have changed.

"But of course we are living now -- and I have had the privilege of living -- in the most wonderful era in the history of the world. It is so good to have had the opportunity to live in this area.

"We all talk about the future, well let me tell you about me. I'm optimistic about the future. Of course, we have problems, problems in the county, and in this city. But I, and I hope you, are committed to help do something about it.

"I still feel that many opportunities that exist in the State of Mississippi, exist especially here in Neshoba County and Philadelphia, Miss. I know of no place where success comes before work except in Mr. Webster's dictionary.

"I believe that our people, young people especially, can find their place, their niche in life, in this community, whether they go to college, or whether they just finish high school, if they will work and commit themselves to whatever they are doing.

"I want to say to you again how grateful I am to receive this honor. If God granted me the good fortune of living 150 years, I would thank him everyday for the privileges I've had here and for all the things you have meant to me and to my family. Again thank you and congratulations to this fine organization for what you are doing for my community."

Dr. Posey recently retired from his practice of dentistry after 47 years.

He and his wife, the former Mary Dees of Philadelphia, have been married for 48 years. They have three children - Pamela Posey Sharp, Jane Posey Griffin and Dr. Rudolph A. Posey Jr. - and nine grandchildren.

A native of Neshoba County, Dr. Posey graduated from Philadelphia High School in 1941. He was president of his class all four years of high school and received the leadership award. After high school he attended East Central Community College, graduating in 1943. Both years he was president of the class and was class favorite and Mr. East Central.

He received the doctor of dental surgery degree in 1946 from the University of Tennessee.

He is an army veteran, having served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

During the years of his practice, Dr. Posey has been active in church and community affairs.

A member of First United Methodist Church, Dr. Posey was on the administrative board for 30 years, serving six terms as chairman of the board. Other church activities include four years as church lay leader; four years as chairman of the Pastor / Parish Relations Committee; nine years as chairman of the Policy Committee; and three years as chairman of the Finance Committee.

For 28 years Dr. Posey has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce and served a term as president. He was on the board for eight years.

He was a member of the board of directors of Leake Academy for eight years and has been active in the Arts Council and Boy Scouts of America.

He is a longtime member of the board of directors of the Neshoba County Fair Association, and serves as vice president. For many years he has been master of ceremonies and has introduced many notable speakers at the Fair such as governors, senators, legislators and candidates for president of the United States including Ronald Reagan, John Glenn and Jack Kemp.

In his profession, Dr. Posey is a member and past president of the Mississippi Dental Association. He has served in numerous other leadership positions in the association of district and state levels.

He is a member of the American College of Dentists and has served as chairman of the state chapter.

Other activities in his profession:

Past chairman of the Tri-State Section of the American College of Dentists; member of International College of Dentists; member of the University of Tennessee Alumni Association and a past president of the association.

He is a charter member and was instrumental in organizing the University of Mississippi Dental Alumni Chapter; chairman of the Finance Committee for seven years and member of the Dean's Advisory Council.

He is a member of the University of Missis-

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DR. POSEY, shown with (from left) Melissa Griffin and Paige Posey.

Alumni News

Ellisville Facility Named For ECCC Alumnus, Trustee

J. C. WILLIAMSON, shown during remarks made at dedication ceremonies of a new food service facility at Ellisville State School that bears his name.

For over 20 years East Central alumnus and Board of Trustee member J.C. Williamson of Philadelphia has served on the State Board of Mental Health. In recognition of his many years of dedicated service, state officials set aside a special day to pay tribute to this outstanding individual.

On August 19, 1993, grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held to officially dedicate the J.C. Williamson Food Service Facility at Ellisville State School.

Williamson, who began serving on the State Board in 1974 following appointment by Governor Bill Waller, said he felt "very proud and honored" to have the facility bear his name. "I appreciate this honor very much and just want to thank everyone who made this day such a special and memorable time in my life," he added.

During dedication ceremonies, state officials praised Williamson as a "true supporter of Mississippians in need of mental health and mental retardation services."

Williamson, also appointed to Board terms by Governors Cliff Finch, Bill Allain and Kirk Fordice, has twice served as Board Chairman and recently completed a term as Vice-Chairman.

A Newton County native, Williamson attended East Central Community College and received a degree from Mississippi State University.

He was employed for 30 years with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, serving in Newton and Neshoba counties.

Williamson is a World War II veteran, having served in the South Pacific.

He is a member of the Philadelphia Lions Club and is a former District Governor. He has attended five international conventions.

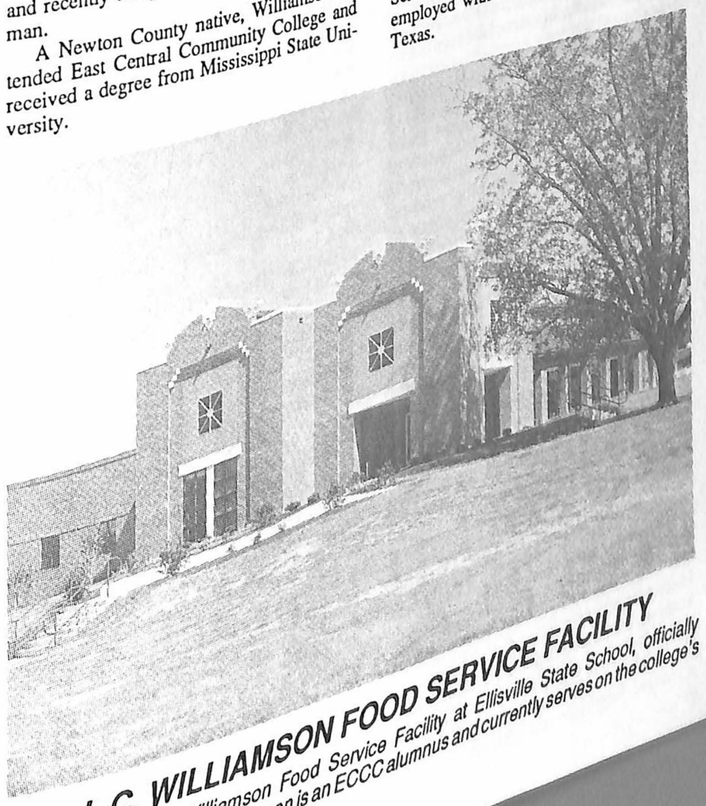
Williamson also holds membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

Williamson and his wife, Frances, have been very active in their support of mental health. They were instrumental in the establishment of the Ellisville State School's Parents' Association and have provided leadership through their many elected positions. They have also participated in numerous volunteer fund-raising programs to benefit clients of Ellisville State School.

Williamson is also active in the Neshoba County Mental Health Association where he has been a strong advocate for services for individuals with mental handicaps.

The Williams are members of First Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

They recently lost their daughter, Kay Frances, who was a client at Ellisville State School at the time of her death. A son, Jamie, is employed with American Airlines in Dallas, Texas.



J. C. WILLIAMSON FOOD SERVICE FACILITY

The new J. C. Williamson Food Service Facility at Ellisville State School, officially dedicated last August. Williamson is an ECCC alumnus and currently serves on the college's Board of Trustess.

Dr. Rudolph —

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sippi Medical Center Guardian Society and past president, the only dentist to ever serve in this position. He served as one of three practicing dentists in Mississippi to serve on the Dean's Search Committee in 1987 for the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Posey is a longtime mason and has served in many capacities at every level. A member of Philadelphia Lodge 43, he is a member of the Shrine of North of America. Activities include: Past president of the Neshoba County Shrine Club; past potentate of Hamasa Temple; past president of the Southeastern Shrine Association, the largest association of North America with a membership of over 200,000 covering eight states and the Panama Canal Zone.

He served for 21 years a representative to the Imperial Council and for many years served on the Jurisdictional Lines Committee for North America and as chairman for the past 12 years.

Dr. Posey is a member of the board of governors for the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, Shreveport, Louisiana unit.

For the past 11 years, he has served as senior dentist on a Methodist Dental Mission in rural Mexico. The team is usually made up of about 12 members consisting of recent graduates of the University of Mississippi Dental School, junior and senior dental students and support personnel.

Dr. Posey's hobbies are hunting, fishing and tending his three-acre yard.

(Story and photo courtesy *The Neshoba Democrat*).

Gail Dunigan Pace Named To Hospitality Board

The Mississippi Miss Hospitality Inc. has announced the appointment of Gail Dunigan Pace of Starkville to serve on its 16-member Board which is responsible for conducting the annual pageant held on the Mississippi State University campus in Starkville. The 1994 Miss Hospitality Board has begun preparations for this year's pageant scheduled July 25-30. This summer's event marks the 45th celebration of the state pageant and the ninth time the event is held in Starkville.

GAIL DUNIGAN PACE

Miss Hospitality contestants represent cities and counties from across the state. In 1993, 37 representatives were judged on county costume, interview and evening gown in the week-long event. Miss Hospitality is a unique pageant in that Mississippi is the only state with a reigning Goodwill Ambassador to spread the "Mississippi spirit" throughout the state and country.

Ms. Pace is exceptionally qualified to serve on the Miss Hospitality Board considering her background in pageant titles and experience.

Her list of activities and titles began even before she graduated from East Central Community College in 1967 where she was a beauty and Homecoming maid both years.

While a student at Philadelphia High School, she was chosen Most Beautiful and represented PHS when she was crowned Southeast Mississippi Livestock Show Queen in Forest. She was also Philadelphia's Junior Miss and received the Poise and Appearance Preliminary Award at the State Junior Miss Pageant held in Meridian.

In addition, Ms. Pace won the Miss Neshoba County beauty title in 1964 and 1967, becoming the only contestant to twice capture the annual competition. As the 1967 titleholder, she represented her county in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg.

She also competed in the Miss Dixie Belle beauty pageant in Memphis where she was a top five finalist selected from a field of 74 contestants. She was also named second alternate in the Delta Queen region pageant held in Biloxi and New Orleans.

Ms. Pace is credited with beginning the first Hancock County Miss Hemisphere Pageant in Bay St. Louis in 1987. She has also been an active pageant judge across the state in Junior Miss/Young Woman of the Year, Miss Hemisphere and various local beauty/beau pageants.

Also to her credit are a B.S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Secondary Education and a Master's degree in Guidance Counseling from Mississippi State University.

Mrs. Williams Selected Clubwoman of the Year

Mrs. Cooper Williams was named "Clubwoman of the Year" by the Philadelphia Woman's Club for 1993.

This award is the highest honor presented annually on the local, district, and state levels to a club member who has served her community through continued years of volunteer service.

Mrs. Williams, the former Frances Thomas, was reared in the Shady Grove community of Neshoba County. She is a graduate of Shady Grove High School, and received an associate of arts degree from East Central Junior College in Decatur. While at Decatur she completed Federal Aviation requirements for her pilot's license, being the second woman in Mississippi to become a licensed pilot. Other accomplishments include May Queen and cheerleader.

Frances returned to Neshoba County where she worked with her father, the late John Thomas, who served many years as Chancery Clerk for Neshoba County.

In 1943 she married Cooper Williams of Philadelphia, who was serving in the U.S. Army. While living with her husband at various army posts, she worked as a secretary. At the end of the war, they returned to Philadelphia where both worked in the family business, Williams Bros. located at Williamsville, until their retirement.

They are the parents of four children, three of whom live in Philadelphia. Sports and athletic events have been a big part of their lives. Their son Tommy, a CPA in Philadelphia, played basketball at Ole Miss. He and his wife, Jo Lynn, have two children -- Amzie and Ellen. Sid, who played basketball at ECJC and baseball at Ole Miss, and his wife, Mickie, have three children -- Lindsey, John Thomas and Sidney. Sid is one of the managers of the family business at Williamsville. Cynthia and her husband, Dr. Joe Jordan, live next door with their children -- Frances, Porter, Cooper and Margaret. Their other daughter, Olivia, lives in New Orleans with her husband, Archie Manning, and their three sons -- Cooper, Peyton and Eli. They enjoyed following the football career of their son-in-law in college and as a professional player. Now they are repeating this with their grandsons. In 1993, the family honored their parents with a Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Williams and her husband are members of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia. She is an active member of the Amica Sunday School class and the Martha Hagan Missionary Circle. Church members look forward to special breakfast meetings when they enjoy bacon and sausage from the Williams' store.

She is a charter member of the Neshoba Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having served as Vice Regent and Regent. She is a member of the Neshoba County Historical Society and the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Museum. A fiftieth anniversary plaque has been placed in the museum to honor Frances and Cooper. Since its organization, Frances has been a part of the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Arts Council. She gives support by attendance and performances and volunteering her time as needed.

Quilting is a favorite pastime of Mrs. Williams. She meets with other members of the Nimble Thimble Quilters on a regular basis. She is also a member of the Mississippi Quilters Association. Her chief objective is to have quilts for each member of her family.

FRANCES WILLIAMS

Each month she attends the Ladies Luncheon meeting of the local golf club. Her husband and children enjoy playing golf, but to Frances this is a time for fellowship with friends. She has given of her time and energy to work on the various projects of the ladies' group.

The Williamses have maintained a cabin on the Neshoba County Fairgrounds for over 30

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Alumni News

Harlon Crimm Leaves Farm Life To Successfully Lead Georgia College

When he was a youngster growing up in rural Scott County, Harlon Crimm was so determined to escape life on the family farm that it took him just "two years, nine months and two weeks" to earn his bachelor's degree.

"Getting an education was definitely my ticket off the farm," said Crimm, who attended East Central during 1958-59 following graduation from Ringgold High School. Crimm only lacked one credit hour to graduate from East Central before transferring to the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1961.

When he was presented his USM degree, Crimm became the first "Crimm" in his family to earn a college diploma. The Scott County native maintained his drive for education by later earning a master's degree in education administration, also from USM, an education specialist degree in education administration from Georgia State University in Atlanta, and a doctorate in educational leadership at the University of Georgia in Athens.

Even though Dr. Crimm has met his education goals, he now sets his sights on helping others achieve academic success.

Since 1983 Dr. Crimm has served as President of Chattahoochee Technical Institute in Marietta, Georgia. Chattahoochee, the fifth largest post-secondary technical institute in Georgia, has an operating budget of over $5 million and offers associate degree, diploma and certificate programs for adult learners.

Under Dr. Crimm's leadership, the institute has experienced a 40 percent increase in enrollment which currently stands at over 1800 credit students and approximately 3000 who attend classes on a noncredit basis.

He is also responsible for developing and implementing programs which resulted in the center being recognized as a collegiate institution. He led efforts to develop the first associate degree program at the institute and was instrumental in successfully guiding Chattahoochee through the accreditation process as awarded by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Before assuming the presidency of Chattahoochee Technical Institute, Dr. Crimm was director of personnel and information services for Marietta City Schools and earlier served as principal of Lockhead Elementary School in Marietta.

He is also a former director of public information and evaluation at Leflore County Schools in Greenwood, business instructor at Ocean Springs High School, sales representative for Standard School Service in Birmingham, and administrative assistant for Scott County Schools.

His first job after receiving a bachelor's degree from USM was business subjects teacher at Ocean Springs High School where he served from 1961-1965.

It was during this period that Dr. Crimm met and later married his wife, the former Jo Ann Cox of Ocean Springs. Actually, she was one of his students when they first met. He proudly added the couple will observe their 30th wedding anniversary this month (April). Dr. Crimm noted that Jo Ann also set high educational goals, having received a doctoral degree a few years ago. She is currently employed as an educational administrator. Between the two of them, the couple has received seven college degrees! Also pursuing college educations are their children. Jeff, 26, is a graduate student at Kennesaw State College and Ashley, 20, attends the University of Southern Mississippi.

Over the years Dr. Crimm has accumulated an extensive list of related professional accomplishments and received various honors for outstanding service.

He authored an award-winning publication, The Road Forward and has had several articles published in state and national publications. He designed a public relations plan for Marietta City Schools and has presented his public relations idea to various school associations. He has also held leadership roles in several school and community organizations, including the chairmanship of the Georgia Consortium of Community Colleges Accredited Technical Institutes.

HARLON CRIMM

Dr. Crimm is a past recipient of the Marietta School System's Exemplary Service Award and has been cited for excellence in school public relations by the National School Public Relations Association and School Management magazine. He has received praise for his volunteer work with various service clubs and organizations.

Dr. Crimm has also accumulated a lengthy military service, having served as a member of the Army and Air Force Reserve since 1966. He is a recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal and currently serves as Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer to Air Force Command. His current rank is Lieutenant Colonel.

In reviewing his extensive list of responsibilities, accomplishments and volunteer service, one might ask:

"Dr. Crimm, are you sure you no longer want to tend to the family farm?"

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Mrs. Williams

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years. Each year, prior to the Fair, Frances works and cooks so this can be a time of fun and celebration as her family and their friends return home for a week.

For the past four years, Mrs. Williams has served as vice president and program chairman of the Philadelphia Woman's Club. She served several terms as recording secretary and reporter. Other committees on which she has served are: arts department, continuing education division, membership committee and special club committees.

Since their retirement, Mrs. Williams and her husband have made bus tours throughout the country. He spends time working in their garden and she cans and freezes the vegetables, sharing with others. *(Story and photo courtesy of The Neshoba Democrat).*

ECCC Alumni Selected To Lead State Association

Two alumni of East Central Community College have been named to key leadership positions on the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

Paul V. Breazeale (Class of 1965), a certified public accountant in Jackson, was recently selected Board Chairman and Nell A. Rogers (1965-66), employed as planner for the Miss. Band of Choctaw Indians in Philadelphia, was chosen Vice Chairman.

Breazeale has been a Board member since December, 1989 and Rogers began service in July, 1990.

Obituaries

GLENWOOD BRELAND

Services for Glenwood Breland, longtime merchant and former member of the board of trustees of Neshoba County General Hospital, were held at 3 p.m. September 23, 1993, from the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Officiating ministers were Dr. David Lee, the Rev. Thomas Cheeks and the Rev. Abram Dono.

Mr. Breland, 57, died Sept. 22 at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

He owned and operated Breland Grocery and service station on Highway 19 South for 31 years. He also owned and operated Breland's Flower Shop in Philadelphia dn Breland Superette in Newton and Hickory.

He was a member of the hospital board for 10 years.

A graduate of House High School, Mr. Breland attended East Central Community College in Decatur.

He was an active member of Southside Methodist Church. He served as song leader, lay leader, trustee and was a member of the choir, PPR Committee, finance committee and nominating committee.

Mr. Breland was a former member of the Neshoba County Beef Club, Woodmen of the World and Hickory Chamber of Commerce. He served as a colonel on the staffs of former governors Bill Waller and Cliff Finch.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. (Frank) Breland.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary Breland; daughter, Mrs. Pam Cheatham; son, Tim Breland; and two grandchildren, all of Philadelphia.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Prince, Ray Long, Chad Copeland, Rex Copeland, Lynn Copeland, Kenneth Breland and Perry Fulton.

SKIP LYNN

Funeral services for ECCC electronic technology instructor Skip Lynn, 58, were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 9, 1993, from the Ott & Lee Chapel in Forest. The Rev. Jerry Lundy and the Rev. Martin Williams officiated. Burial was in the Harperville Cemetery.

Mr. Lynn died October 7 at the S. E. Lackey Hospital in Forest following a sudden illness.

A Pennsylvania native, Lynn had lived in Scott County since 1979 when he retired from the U.S. Air Force following 26 years of service. He began his tenure at East Central in 1985.

He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Forest.

East Central President Dr. Eddie M. Smith said of Mr. Lynn: "Skip was a person who stayed very much to himself in his classroom and lab. He carried out his responsibility well in everything he did. He was concerned about doing the best possible job whether in his regular electronics classes or in classes he taught for East Central in various industries. We will miss him."

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lynette Lynn of Forest; two sons, George Lynn, Jr. and Steve Lynn, both of Bloomsburg, PA; five daughters, Suzzane Nazar of Berwick, PA, Cindy Fisher and Alison Jumper, both of Catawissa, PA, Linda Deer of Berwick, PA and Laurie McCraw of Sebastopol; one step-daughter, Lori McNeil of Homewood; two step-sons, Tony Heumier of Forest and Barry Heumier of Decatur; two brothers, Norman Lynn and Charles Lynn, both of Berwick, PA and two sisters, Edna Yeager and Berna Ash, both of Berwick, PA and 18 grandchildren.

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➤Harlon

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"No, I am still glad I left our 40-acre farm and went to college. However, having as many chores as I did certainly instilled an important work ethic in me that kept me focused on getting a college degree," Crimm said.

Crimm reminisced the "work ethic" learned on the farm also came in use as a student at East Central.

"I worked in the cafeteria and helped serve all three meals. And believe it or not, having to get up early during winter months to serve breakfast was very easy thanks to our built-in alarm clock," Crimm states.

The built-in alarm clock to which he referred was actually the sound of popping water pipes above his bed which served as his wake-up call!

Although he lived on campus, Crimm said he was not involved in many activities because of his studies and work schedule. However, he did participate in intramural basketball competition, attended college basketball games and commented he witnessed his first football game as a student at East Central.

"We did not have a television at home and I remember watching that first game on campus and really enjoying the sport," he said.

Crimm said he later became very involved in football, serving as chairman of the Marietta Touchdown Club. He obviously had a special reason for his involvement, as son Jeff was then quarterback of the high school team.

As a student at East Central, Crimm remembers having a difficult time making good grades in math "which was all new stuff to this country boy from Scott County." He said Mr. Frank Reeves, who taught math courses; chemistry instructor Frank Cross; and English and speech teacher Ovid Vickers really stand out as being "very good" instructors.

"I appreciate the start that ECJC gave me. It was accessible, affordable, and offered an excellent foundation for my college work that followed," Dr. Crimm said.

Crimm also remembers classmates Don Triplett of Forest who had a reputation for being able to tell how many bricks were on a side of a building by just quickly glancing at the structure. Triplett was also known for the "numbering system" he used in indentifying all the teachers on campus. Crimm said Triplett would refer to instructors by their appropriate number, with "1" being tops. Crimm recalls one day a certain instructor asking Triplett what his particular number was and Triplett responded, "How many teachers are there on campus?" "Forty-five," the teacher said. "Well, that's your number," Don quipped.

Crimm also remembers classmate Al Bailey of Ringgold who currently teaches at East Central. Crimm said Bailey's '52 Dodge was just about the only car on campus and was utilized a great deal "riding around and cruising to Meridian." He recalled a practical joke played on another classmate, Ernest McAlpin of Sebastopol, when Crimm and several other pranksters pushed his car off campus, leaving him the obvious impression the car had been stolen.

"Decatur law enforcement officers found the car and reported it to the student's father. He got his car back unscathed; however, I don't think he ever knew what happened to it originally," he remarked.

As mentioned earlier, Dr. Crimm has received numerous honors and awards for his service to education and various community endeavors. But, Dr. Crimm added, he receives the most satisfaction from the "instant reward" received when dealing with students.

"Helping provide an education for people who actually become members of a workforce that provides medical care, builds airplanes, keeps computers running and so many other worthwhile and important functions -- these people represent the glue that holds America together. I'm really proud to be in the position of providing employment opportunities for so many technical areas," he said.

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Pallbearers were Billy Stubbs, Sonny Stubbs, Johnnie Brittain, Johnny Ladd, Jack Fortenberry, Floyd Weaver and Lamar Steen.

(NOTE: Following the sudden death of ECCC electronics instructor Skip Lynn, his widow, Mrs. Lynette Lynn, came across a poem written by her late husband. She would like to share Mr. Lynn's writings with readers of The Warrior. His poem, "My Life", is published below.)

MY LIFE

By George J. (Skip) Lynn

My life is but a whisper
In a world of shouts and din
No worth, no value, no glory
But for the little I've done for him.

My heart is with my loved ones
Despite rejections, no honor, and scorn
For to love is not receiving
But to give till painful and worn.

My possessions so few to mention
May be divided among those who desire
So little I'd rather not have them
For they expose dear souls to hell's fire.

My soul, praise God, is with Jesus
The only true worth of my life
So my being not totally wasted
Made worth while earth's ways of strife.

What's left to mark my passing
Descendants, loved ones, and friends
My prayer for all time eternal
They'll follow Christ's path to the end.

FRED RAY BLOCKER

Services for Fred Ray Blocker, 69, were held Saturday, January 25 at 2 p.m. from the chapel of McClain-Hayes Funeral Home in Philadelphia. The Rev. Jerry Jones officiated with burial in the Mars Hill Cemetery in Leake County.

Mr. Blocker was a Leake County native and graduated from East Central Junior College in 1948. He served as one of Leake County's five members of the college's Board of Trustees from 1972 until 1982. He remained a loyal supporter and friend of East Central throughout his adult life.

While he was a student at East Central he majored in music and English, wrote for the college newspaper, and sang one of the leading roles in "The Bell of Barcelona," a musical presented by the music department.

After serving in the U.S. Army, he returned to college and upon graduation taught English in the public schools of Neshoba County and Leake County. His students always excelled in literary competition, and several of his students were winners of essay contests sponsored by local civic organizations. Blocker was himself a writer and authored one novel, So Late This Year, and was working on a second novel at the time of his death.

He was a member of several educational organizations and also of the Disabled American Veterans. His religious affiliation was with Mount Carmel Union Church in Leake County.

Dr. Brad Tucker, the former Academic Dean at East Central and a lifelong friend of Mr. Blocker commented: "I went into the service in World War II before Fred Ray, and he would write to me about the happenings in Edinburg, Carthage, and Leake County. To get a letter from Fred Ray was better than getting a copy of the county newspaper."

Thomas Chisholm, a retired language professor from the University of Southern Mississippi in speaking about Fred Ray said, "He was one of the most accomplished individuals I have ever known. He was a good musician, an interesting writer, and a fine teacher."

Survivors include four brothers, Carnot Blocker Jr. of Cary, N.C., Joseph M. Blocker and Clarence D. Blocker of Carthage, and Harold Curtis Blocker of Philadelphia.

Pallbearers were Tommy Blocker, Harold Blocker, Tim Blocker, Ricky Blocker, Carl Blocker, James Blocker and Brian Blocker, all nephews.

BARNEY RAY PRICE

Barney Ray Price, 61, owner of McInnis-Price Chevrolet in Crystal Springs, died of cancer April 3, 1994, at his home in Terry.

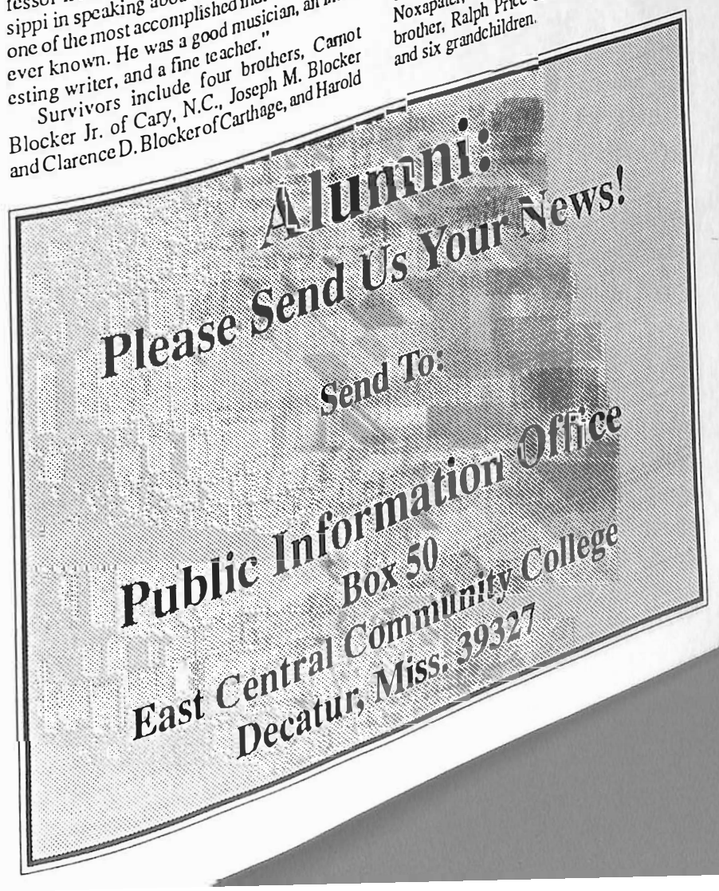
Services were held April 5, 1994, at First Baptist Church in Crystal Springs with burial in Terry Cemetery. Stringer Funeral Home in Crystal Springs was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Price, a Noxapater native, had lived in Terry for nearly 20 years. He was a Korean War Navy veteran. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He was director of the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association and director and past-president of the Mississippi Palomino Association.

He was a past vice president and director of the Crystal Springs Chamber of Commerce and a director for the Bank of the South in Crystal Springs. He was a Boy Scouts of America sponsor, and supported Lake Chautauqua activities in Crystal Springs. He supported several youth activities, including sponsoring soccer teams, Little League teams and providing driver education automobiles.

He was a 1957 graduate of East Central Community College.

Survivors include: wife, Donna; daughter, Cindy Huntington of Hazlehurst; sons, Walker Price of Destin, Florida, and Barney C. Price of Noxapater, sister, Sylvia Hinton of Jackson, brother, Ralph Price of Demopolis, Alabama; and six grandchildren.



LETTERS

Mr. Ovid Vickers
East Central Community College
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Decatur, MS 39327
Mr. Vickers,

I do hope this letter finds all well with you and your family. All is well with me. I have moved into an administrative position with the Oxford City Schools. I am enjoying it as a new challenge; however, I do miss the students and the classroom. My wife, Mary Charles, and I are expecting our first child in May. We are excited about this. So, things are great with me.

The reason I am writing to you is to let you know that I will not be able to attend the reunion of our class of 1973. I really would like to see you, and the rest of the teachers that I had there to tell you in person how much influence that you have had on my life. Not only did I get the highest quality education at East Central, but you also helped me grow as a person. I am not saying that I was a mature, responsible individual when I left E.C., but I at least knew what one was. The emphasis on education and the caring for me as an individual is something that I will never forget, and I will be forever grateful for the lessons that I learned there.

Since I left the area, I do not get the opportunity to get back to E.C. and see anyone. I do want you to know that I never miss the opportunity to tell anyone who will listen of the quality education I received at East Central. I have always considered it to be the best two years of my educational experience. That includes my doctoral work. I believe the foundation I received at East Central prepared me for whatever I had to face in the later years.

I also regret that I will miss the reunion of the cast of "Hello, Dolly!" It was one of the few cultural experiences in my life. I am grateful to you for letting me participate in it. It was great fun. I do want you to know that I have been in numerous plays and productions since. I probably would not have ever done so had it not been for my experiences in "Hello, Dolly!" Please tell everyone there hello for me.

I do hope one day I will be able to come back and visit with you. Please let me know if there is anything I can ever do for you or for the college. I will gladly do so. Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,
Britt Dickens, Ph.D.
1225 Belard Drive
Oxford, MS 38655

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Alumni Association
East Central Community College
Decatur, MS 39327
Dear Alumni Association:

Thank you very much for the part you took in the 1993 Homecoming at East Central Community College. Thank you especially for the award as Alumnus of the Year. The day was most enjoyable and very special to me and my family.

Thank you again for this honor. East Central and the people I have known through the years being in school, working and living near the college have always meant so much to me and my family.

Sincerely,
Melvin Tingle
P.O. Box 372
Decatur, MS 39327

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ECCC Alumni Association
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327
Dear ECCC:

Enclosed you will find a newspaper article in the Knoxville News-Sentinel about one of EC's most famous alumni, country music star Billy Dean. The article concerns Billy's acquisition of his late father's acoustic guitar which he had sold seven years ago for rent money. It was great to see East Central Community College make the news here in Tennessee!

Keep up the good work down there. I will never forget my college days at dear ole EC!

Sincerely,
David McKeehan, Sr.
(Class of 1958)
President, Service Motors, Inc.
103 Decatur Pike, N.W.
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Dr. Phil Sutphin
Dean of Instruction
ECCC
Decatur, MS 39327
Dear Dr. Sutphin,

It was nice to receive an invitation to visit ECCC for Homecoming. I'm sorry I was away - three of our five children liv in Florida and I have been to visit them. I would love to come sometime to visit the college.

I spent some very "happy days" in Decatur and at ECJC. I lived in Decatur and my father, Nick Johnson, was a close friend of Dr. L.O. Todd. I finished high school in 1945 - finished at ECJC in 1947 then I went to Ole Miss where I received a B.S. degree in Biology. I must tell you that Mr. F. E. Leatherwood was my favorite teacher. I shall always remember him. I certainly agree with all the things his daughter, Diana Turner, had to say about him in a recent issue of The Warrior. What more could anyone want than to be remembered as a fine educator and a loving father; with his philosophy of education, how could you miss!

Warmest Regards,
Imogene Borganelli
117 Creekmore Drive
Greenville, MS 38701

P.S. I'm sure you can tell that I'm a very proud mother!

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Dear Friends:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for sending the beautiful rubber plant in honor of Mr. J. C. Williamson and the dedication and open house for the new J. C. Williamson Food Service Facility.

Mr. Williamson and his wife, Frances, have made very significant contributions to Ellisville State School and the clients of this facility. We were extremely pleased when the Board of Mental Health voted to honor Mr. Williamson by naming our new food service building for him.

The day was a very beautiful, rather warm day, but we had a very large crowd of people here to celebrate this very special event in the history of our facility. We thank you for remembering us and recognizing Mr. Williamson on this very special day.

Sincerely,
Clyde Woodruff
Director, Ellisville State School
Ellisville, MS 39437

(NOTE: Mr. Williamson is a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees, representing Neshoba County.)

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Dr. Eddie Smith, President
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327
Dear Dr. Smith:

Please accept this letter as a token of my gratitude to the faculty members at East Central Community College. After breaking ground for my college education in the Fall of 1991, they were very helpful to me. Being a nontraditional student and a complete novice to this "education thing", I truly appreciate the extra time they were able to work into their busy schedules for me.

You can't image the trepidation I felt starting all over again; but, then I found out that Ovid Vickers knew how to make learning fun. I also found that L. B. Bullock realized that every student isn't an algebra whiz, and was willing to go over and over what needed to be gone over and over. Ron Davis, as my advisor, not only held my hand through the rough times but encouraged and assured me that I really could make the grade. But, most of all I learned to appreciate Dr. Richard Fisher.

When I enrolled at ECCC, I knew for my chosen field that a good strong chemistry background was necessary. I also understood from campus gossip that Chemistry was one of the toughest courses on campus; and, supposedly, Dr. Fisher was the toughest instructor. My apprehension grew as I approached my sophomore year. It finally reached the point where I was more afraid of dealing with Dr. Fisher than with Chemistry. What a happy surprise to find this wasn't the case at all. Dr. Fisher far surpassed his responsibilities as a teacher. It's too bad this country doesn't have more teachers of his cali-

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I found if you were truly interested, wanted to learn and would make the effort to learn, he would always make time to tutor, to guide and hold out a helping hand. His dedication to teaching was always available if I only showed dedication to learning. I found Chemistry to be a difficult subject, but Dr. Fisher not to be a difficult teacher, only dedicated, learned and exacting to teach what had to be taught to any student willing to learn.

I would like to thank all the instructors at ECCC and Dr. Fisher in particular. I'm proud to have been a student and to have known these incredibly dedicated people. I would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to include this letter in each of these instructors personnel files, should they care to use it for future reference.

Thank you,
Sandi Lee Boutwell
Rt. 2, Box 5B
Newton, Miss. 39348

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Coach Jamie Clark
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327
Dear Baseball Coach:

Your current fund-raising project for a new backstop has me thinking about my baseball career at East Central, particularly during the spring of 1948.

I remember the coach coming toward all of us sitting in the dugout and he was wanting a pinch hitter. He asked seven other boys before he got to me. When he asked me if I could pinch hit, I replied, "Yes, sir!" Well, he put me in and I hit a single. The next game we played at Northeast and he once again asked for pinch hitters. Again, I replied "Yes, sir!" and went to bat. With two men on base I knocked a home run and after that time at bat I played first base until the end of the season. My batting average was over .400, I think it was .430.

I mention the above story to you because my dad always told me to believe in myself; and if I believed I could hit that baseball, I could certainly do it! My father was an "old time" school teacher and played semi-pro baseball. He finished school before EC had a college.

I know you instill in your players the belief that they can succeed no matter what the obstacles are in front of them.

Best wishes for another successful season and good luck with your fund-raising project. My check is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,
Malcolm M. Spence, Sr.
(Class of 1948)
Rt. 5, Box 312
Carthage, MS 39051

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Warrior Club
ECCC Box 50
Decatur, MS 39327
To the Warrior Club:

I have great respect for those who compiled the statistical records of East Central football teams as detailed on page 22-23, in the 1993-94 Warrior Athletic Program. I'm sure it was a tough job.

I would however, like to bring your attention to a game won by the Warriors' 1947 team that is not listed: East Central 20, Northwest 19.

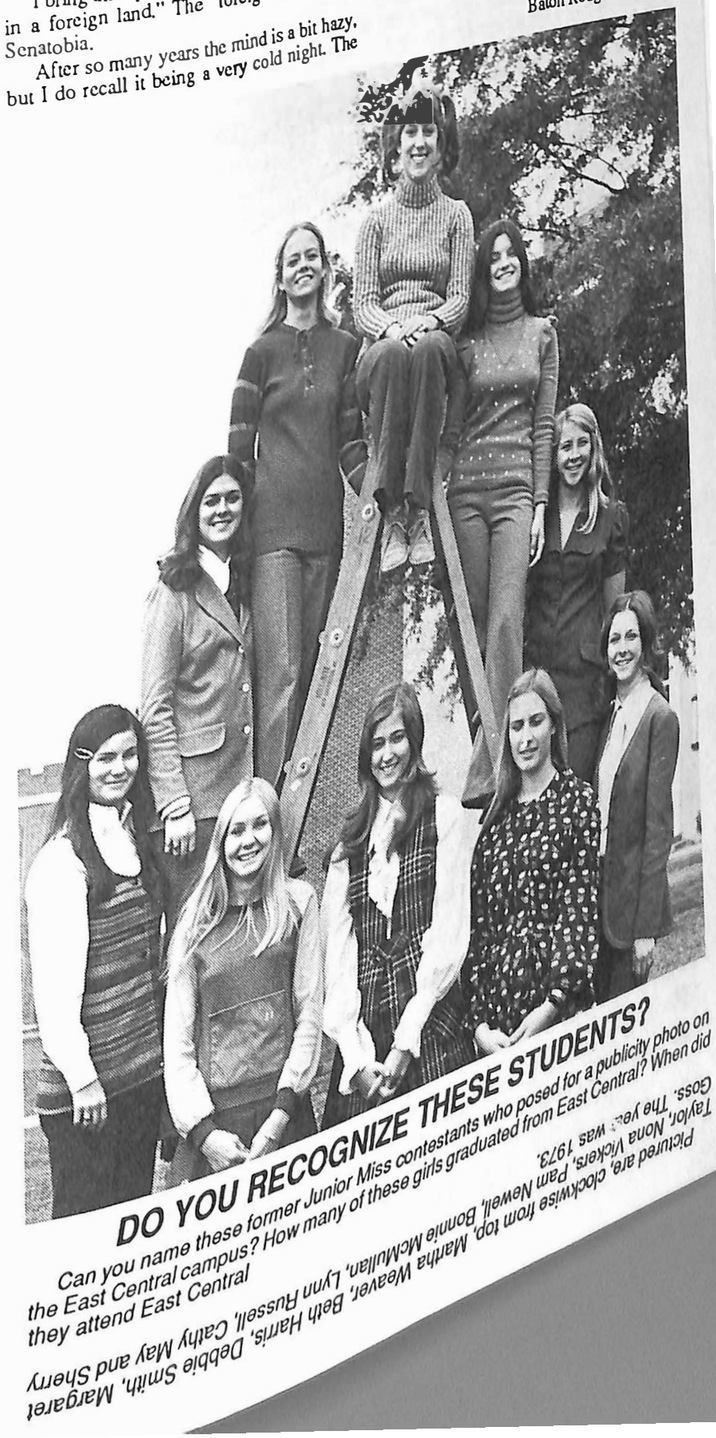
I bring this up because we were truly "aliens in a foreign land." The "foreign land" being Senatobia.

After so many years the mind is a bit hazy, but I do recall it being a very cold night. The game was played before a hostile crowd and against a very insulting football team.

Suffice to say we won in spite of their team, the crowd and some poor officiating. The score was not indicative of the true outcome. The Warriors kicked their rear-ends all over their cow pasture!

Just thought you might be interested.

Best regards,
Gere Earp
(Class of 1949)
6026 Chattanooga Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70816



Sullivan Park Can Be A Reality

Students who attended East Central during the tenure of psychology/education instructor Janie Sullivan remember that she maintained the area north of Newsome Hall as a kind of park. Through the years, "Miss Janie's" flower bulbs have disappeared, but the area has remained relatively untouched with tall pines and grass covering the area.

Now, a move is underway to restore the area to the garden status it enjoyed when Miss Janie attended it. Former EC student and now a landscape architect, Dane Morgan has sketched the area with walkways, benches, shrubs, and flowers. A proposed entrance way would commemorate the area as "Sullivan Park."

Any person interested in making a contribution to the project may do so by sending a check to the East Central Development Foundation and marking it for the Sullivan Park Project. Estimated cost of the project is between $8,000 and $10,000.

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEEDS

Coaches' Requests For Support From Warrior Club

Specific needs of the Athletic Department for 1994-95

Baseball	Uniforms for the Warrior Baseball Team	**$3,000**
Basketball	Men & Women - Warm-ups for the Teams	**$3,000**
Football	"Running Back" chute	**$1,500**
Softball	Dugouts for the Softball Field	**$2,000**
All Sports	Ice Machine	**$1,000**
	New Commercial Washing Machine and Repair of Old Washing Machine	**$2,500**

Six Giving Levels for Warrior Club:

$1,000 =>	Super Chief	_____
$500	Chief	_____
$250	Super Brave	_____
$100	Brave	_____
$50	Young Brave	_____
$25	Papoose	_____

The Warrior Club
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

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PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR ECCC ATHLETICS

Fund-raising activities for East Central Community College athletics are underway for the new calendar year thanks to the leadership of the above East Central alumni and college officials who serve as Warrior Club Exective Committee members for 1994. Pictured are (seated from left) Ken Gordon, vice president, Morton; Earl Marshall, president, Clinton; Mrs. Lois Cooper, immediate past president, Decatur; Mark Killens, Newton County representative, Newton; and (standing from left) Dr. Eddie M. Smith, college president; Guy Nowell, Neshoba County representative, Philadelphia; Jim Nabers, Winston County representative, Louisville; Truman Moore, Leake County representative, Carthage; Jimmy Rea, out-of-district representative, Ridgeland; and Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC dean of instruction. Not pictured is Bobby Latham, Scott County representative, Forest. Organized in 1987, the Warrior Club has raised over $30,000.00 in support of the college's student athletes. Contributions may be sent to the Warrior Club, Box 50, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327.

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Degree Nursing will begin in the fall semester. A director and four instructors are already in place and classrooms and laboratories are being readied for the incoming students.

Let me also mention that the first ever East Central Community College Invitational Golf Tournament was held at the Forest Country Club on March 30, 1994. Forest Country Club officials graciously allowed the tournament to be held without charge with approximately 90 golfers from the state's community and junior colleges participating in the one-day event. Meals and tournament trophies were also provided through special contributions to the Warrior Club by alumni and friends from Scott County

Also significant is the reality that substantial work has begun on the renovation of Leake Hall, the College's apartment building for married students. Plans are also being formulated for the construction of an Allied Health Building which will house the health-related programs and the Child Care Technology programs at the College.

Those students who have excelled academically and also in athletics and extra-curricular activities will be honored on Awards Day, May 5th. Those elected to the Hall of Fame and their families will also be recognized during this time.

Alumni should also mark their calendar for Saturday, October 15, 1994 when Homecoming activities will be held on campus. The day's activities will be climaxed by a football game with Hinds Community College at 2:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

Nomination forms for Alumnus of the Year, Alumna of the Year, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and Outstanding Academic and Vocational-Technical Instructors of the Year are now available in the office of the Dean of Instruction. Those elected will be honored at the Homecoming luncheon.

In keeping with its proud history, East Central Community College continues to grow, change and evolve in the areas of academics, vocational and technical education, student activities, athletics, and community services all in response to the needs of its five supporting counties.

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